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Citing environmental concerns and calling plastic bags "junk," Coun. David Shiner, who introduced a motion to ban plastic bags, told reporters it is "the most progressive move that this council has ever had." VITTORIO ZUNINO CELOTTO/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Prohibition 2013: Plastic bags banned

Fee lifted for 6 months.
After a surprise council vote, Toronto is set to become the biggest North American city to prohibit plastic bags

Mayor Rob Ford asked council to get rid of the bylaw that requires stores to charge five cents for plastic shopping bags.

Instead, council got rid of plastic shopping bags.

Ford's effort to kill the fee boomeranged on him in stunning fashion on Wednesday, when council voted 24-20 to prohibit retailers from giving out or selling any plastic shopping bags, "including those advertised as compostable, biodegradable, photodegradable or similar," as of Jan. 1, 2013.

The vote — on a surprise motion from Coun. David Shiner, a conservative Ford ally — would not have occurred if Ford had not brought the issue to the council floor. To the consternation of other conservatives, it occurred without any consultation with major retailers or study by city legal or economic officials.

Ford earned a consolation victory: council also approved his original proposal to eliminate the fee bylaw. That means retailers will be allowed to hand out plastic bags for free between July 1 and Dec. 31 this year. But they will then have to distribute non-plastic bags or no bags at all.

Fort McMurray, Alta., San Francisco and Seattle, among other U.S. cities, have already imposed plastic-bag bans.

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Reasoning

"Less plastic use equals less plastic in the garbage, less litter in the street, and ultimately less cost to taxpayers."

Coun. David Shiner
Shiner, one of Ford's most loyal allies, said he spontaneously came up with his motion in the middle of Wednesday's meeting.

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Lululemon stretching out

The yoga-gear retailer was the fastest-growing brand of 2012, according to a marketing study PAGE 28

Cops quiet on murder notes

Body parts mailed to B.C. schools were sent with notes, but police wouldn't elaborate on their content PAGE 8

Union flood cause found

Construction work coupled with heavy rainfall caused Friday's Union Station flood, the city says PAGE 4

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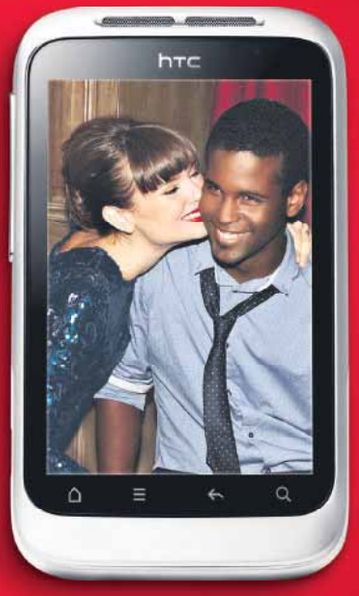

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Cop investigated for misconduct following arrest

An officer who made an arrest based on a Facebook photo is being investigated internally by the professional-standards unit of the Toronto police.

Const. Kristal McCullough, of 14 Division, could face misconduct charges. Potential punishment for misconduct, which is not a criminal charge, could range from loss of pay to demotion or even dismissal.

Lizz Aston, a 28-year-old Toronto artist and bartender, was arrested in January and charged with assault after a woman claimed she had been assaulted Nov. 19 at a Bloor Street bar.

Aston was charged based solely on a Facebook photo and a generic description offered by the victim's boyfriend.

On Jan. 5, after returning from a visit to Cuba with her boyfriend, Aston received an email from McCullough pointing out that the victim identified her as the woman who struck her. The victim is believed to have obtained Aston's photo from the friends list on the bar's Facebook page.

Police asked Aston to come in to speak with officers, and she did so two days later. She was read her rights, fingerprinted and processed.

The incident at The Piston began when two couples got into a dispute over a coat. Several blows were struck.

Aston said she knew nothing of this at the time. She said she tried to show police text messages proving she was at an art opening for a friend on the date in question, but the officer didn't seem interested in that information.

In addition, she got the impression McCullough didn't believe she was guilty. The officer joked with her: "This will be a great story to tell your friends."

The charges were later dropped.

But Aston faces a legal bill of about $3,000.

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"We believed there were reasonable grounds to arrest her."

Toronto police Const. Tony Vella, defending the actions of Const. Kristal McCullough and the arrest of Lizz Aston.

Enforcement plan

Mississauga ban on shark fin hinges on council OK

The city of Mississauga is set to go ahead with the implementation of a shark-fin ban at the end of June — pending council approval of an enforcement plan that was discussed on Wednesday.

The city passed a bylaw banning the food product in October 2011. Staff recommended that enforcement be "reactive, and through a complaint basis only."

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Hydro

Flash storm knocks out power across city

Up to 2,000 people were affected by power outages across Toronto after a flash storm went through the city Wednesday night.

The area most affected was on Eglinton Avenue West between Centennial Park Boulevard and Renforth Drive.

Fewer customers were affected in small pockets throughout the city.

Hydro crews were dispatched. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Christopher Husbands arrives in court in Toronto on Monday. Husbands is charged in connection with the shooting at the Eaton Centre in which one person was killed and six injured. CHRISTOPHER YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Accused shooter's job with city spurs policy change

Parks and rec. Man worked with kids in after-school program for about six months, until May 18

News that the alleged gunman in the Eaton Centre shooting worked with children in a city-run after-school program while on bail for sexual assault sparked a political uproar at city hall on Wednesday, prompting the parks department to immediately change the way employees are vetted.

City staff confirmed Wednesday morning that Christopher Husbands, 23, had worked at Stan Wadlow Clubhouse's after-school recreation care program in East York up until two weeks before the Eaton Centre food-court incident, in which one person was killed and seven others injured.

The program, run by the parks and recreation division, provides after-school care to children aged six to 12.

Under the recreation department's policy, Husbands would have been allowed three months to provide a criminal background check to his employer. But that policy has changed as of today, according Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti, chair of the community development and recreation committee.

The three-month grace period was put in place because it could take up to three months for police results. But from now on, new hires will be required to provide a police check before they begin work, Mammoliti said. He added there was an "ongoing attempt" to get a criminal-background check from Husbands. City staff gave Husbands an extension beyond the original three months, he said, but he never turned over the information and eventually left his job. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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"This situation is deeply troubling to us all."

City manager Joe Pennachetti, who said the city has begun an investigation and policy review "to improve hiring procedures."

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On the web

A mammoth surprise

An Iowa man has made an unusual discovery in his backyard, piquing the interest of experts who study prehistoric life. Over the past two years, most of an entire woolly mammoth skeleton has been found on his property. Watch the excavation of a 14,000-year-old creature at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

A week after Mitt Romney's embarrassing 'Amercia' typo that gave endless fodder to Twitter users and late-night talk show hosts, the conservative campaign has misspelled once again. Scan the code to read about Romney's latest incident.

Blame it on the rain — and construction work, city says

Union Station. Work on sewer pipes by a contractor played role in Friday's flood that caused commuter calamity

Construction work coupled with heavy rainfall caused Friday's Union Station flood and the ensuing commuter chaos, says the City of Toronto.

Last Friday's deluge marked the second time in three months the same contractor played a role in flooding the station and paralyzing the busy Yonge-University subway line.

The city is in the midst of reconstructing a large sewer as part of a massive Union Station revitalization.

"To enable construction of the new lowered sewer, a section of the existing sewer was removed and pumps put in place in order to install maintenance holes at one of the future connection points," the release states. "During the heavy rainstorm, sanitary and storm water overflowed from the open section of sewer at this location."

The contractor and the project manager are taking steps to avoid a repeat, the city said, including having two more pumps standing by. The exposed sewer is to be capped by Friday.

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Wet woes:

- The flooding made the station look like a partially drained swimming pool and paralyzed the Yonge-University line between Bloor and Osgoode stations.
- The TTC put 118 shuttle buses into service to transport thousands of passengers.

A man pushes water away from Union Station on June 1.

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Jack Layton, right, and wife Olivia Chow ride a tandem bicycle down Yonge Street during the Pride Parade in 2005. Councillor Pam McConnell told city council that the Ontario Federation of Labour plans to donate a statue to honour Layton that portrays him riding a tandem bike. AARON HARRIS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Layton to get statue, namesake

The Jack Layton Ferry Terminal is now an official part of Toronto, but residents will have another reminder of the beloved former councillor and federal NDP leader.

Councillor Pam McConnell told city council, which voted unanimously Wednesday to rename the Toronto Islands ferry terminal, that the Ontario Federation of Labour plans to donate a whimsical statue to honour Layton.

It will portray the long-time cycling advocate on the back seat of a tandem bike, she said. Kids and adults will be not only allowed but encouraged to sit on the front seat and "take a ride with Jack."

Layton, who was felled by cancer last Aug. 22, sometimes rode a tandem bike with his wife, MP Olivia Chow.

Nancy Hutchison, OFL secretary-treasurer, said the statue is in the planning stages. She hopes it will be put in Harbour Square Park East, near the terminal, so Torontonians and visitors can have photos taken with it.

"The theme is 'Jack has your back,' and we think he always had our back," Hutchison said, adding the OFL is raising funds for the project.

Mayor Rob Ford introduced the ferry terminal renaming as his key item at the council meeting, saying: "He was a father and he was a husband, and to all of us he was a friend; whether we agreed or disagreed with his politics, he never took it personally.

"I'm proud to call him my friend, Jack Layton."

Layton's son, Councillor Mike Layton, abstained from the vote but thanked the "supportive and kind" mayor and councillors for the fitting tribute.

A ceremony unveiling signs for the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal is expected in early July, with more being added in August.

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No plastic allowed. Patron's reactions to nixing a mixed bag

Chris McDonald is all for city council's plastic bag ban. He thinks it will condition shoppers to remember their reusable totes.

McDonald represents one of the two most common reactions to Wednesday's surprise vote: entirely supportive, and entirely regretful to have forgotten those reusable bags in the car, at home, or at work.

"Awesome. I think it's awesome," agreed Catharine MacIntosh, an artist and entrepreneur, leaving the same downtown supermarket with her mom and brother — all carrying plastic shopping bags.

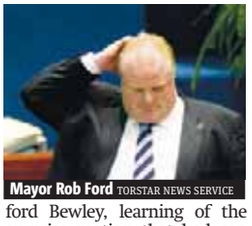
"That's really embarrassing," she says, laughing. "I have my own bags at home."

"I do too," says her brother.

"I do too. I have three of them," says their mother (but visiting from Calgary, so with a good excuse.)

The other most common reaction? Somewhere between disbelief and irritation.

"They did? Okay. That's interesting," said Bonnie Crawford Bewley, learning of the surprise motion that had carried not an hour earlier. "That's going to be a pain in the neck," she said, adding she had supported the 5-cent fee.



Mayor Rob Ford TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"What are you going to do with slopping drippy slabs of meat in your shopping bag?" wondered May Cheng, carrying three reusable totes.

"I use a few (plastic) bags for things like taking out the kitty litter and stuff. You can't live without plastic bags. We're going to end up buying them," she says.

Paul Taylor agrees. "There is a utility there," he says. "Sometimes you forget. It's just not practical to totally ban them."

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No hugs allowed. Girls stage protest over 'no loving, no shoving' motto

The 12 and 13-year-old girls wanted only to hug, as they do. But they kept getting warnings.

"No loving, no shoving," teachers at Brampton's Earnscliffe Senior Public School often told them.

The sentiment of the motto is fine, say 6th and 7th graders Diana Hoyt, Lily Hopkinson and twins Jana and Hana El-Daly. The problem, say the girls, is that the rule stipulating no touching also stops them from doing something they feel is entirely innocent — hugging.

When both Hana and Jana got reprimanded for embracing upset friends in the hallways recently, the girls began feeling fed up — so, they decided to embrace their inner activists.

The four came up with a plan for a "hug in" at their school later this month to protest the "ridiculous" rule.

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Ex-Ornge counsel says she cautioned against deal

Air-ambulance scandal. Probe hears contradictory accounts of who was involved in $6.7M contract

The all-party probe into the Ornge air ambulance scandal once again heard contradictory testimony on Wednesday regarding who crafted a $6.7-million contract now being investigated by police.

The marketing agreement, between Ornge and helicopter giant AgustaWestland, was negotiated after the purchase of 12 helicopters from the Italian firm for $144 million.

The plan was for Ornge to look for countries where AgustaWestland could sell choppers retrofitted as air ambulances. A Torstar News Service investigation has looked into the marketing services report and found little work was done to justify the large payment.

Former Ornge in-house lawyer Cynthia Heinz told the legislative committee examining questionable contracts, odd business dealings and a web of for-profit companies that she was not involved in the $6.7-million agreement. She testified she cautioned them against accepting the money. But the money went from AgustaWestland to another Ornge company controlled by former Ornge founder Dr. Chris Mazza, the committee has heard. The issue is being investigated by Ontario Provincial Police.

New Democrat MPP France Gélinas grilled Heinz as to why she didn't question the agreement further. "Sitting here, it looks like you drank the Kool-Aid," Gélinas said. "They are telling you, this is what they want to do with this money, you tell them you aren't allowed to do it because it is illegal, they come back with this marketing agreement ... and you think everything is just fine?"

Heinz broke down in tears. She assured the committee she had "no indication anything was amiss." But Rick Potter, former Ornge aviation boss, testified he spoke to Heinz and former executive vice-president Maria Renzella and told them the agency was paying $7 million more than it had to for the helicopters and that it was "nuts." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Quoted

"Sitting here, it looks like you drank the Kool-Aid."

New Democrat MPP France Gélinas, while questioning Heinz

Keeping kids' heads protected

Ten-year-old Colby Tran adjusts his helmet at Lord Dufferin Junior and Senior public school Wednesday. Children living in Regent Park got a heads-up on bike safety — plus a free helmet Wednesday, thanks to local lawyer and avid cyclist Patrick Brow, who personally paid for the 500 helmets. The helmets were donated in honour of Toronto's official bike month. Bike Helmets on Kids, created a decade ago by the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, has distributed more than 10,000 helmets to needy kids over the years. Lawyers donate their time and money to cover costs.

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

VIA workers brace for service cuts

The federal government is inflicting death by 1,000 cuts on Canada's national passenger railway, say workers and rail watchers, who are bracing for an announcement of VIA service reductions.

Cuts have been widely rumoured since the federal government chopped $20 million annually from VIA's operating budget earlier this year.

Officially, VIA says it has no news of service cuts. But a press release out of its May 29 annual meeting referred to the fine-tuning of "service, schedules and fares to serve markets more efficiently." It also mentioned "better integrating passenger rail with other public transportation services."

GO Transit has made incursions into two areas suspected of being in line for VIA cuts.

NDP transportation critic Olivia Chow, MP for Trinity-Spadina, said she expects one of three daily trains to London, via Kitchener and Stratford, and VIA's daily train to Niagara could be eliminated.

A joint VIA-Amtrak run to Niagara is, however, expected to continue.

The scenic transcontinental "Canadian" running three times a week between Toronto and Vancouver will also likely be reduced to two trains weekly in the off-season. That train attracted 109,000 riders last year, up 3,000 from 2010, according to VIA's annual report. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Casino proposal

Liberals rule out Ontario Place site

The Liberal government is rejecting the idea of building a new casino at Ontario Place. A panel set up by the government is still studying various locations for a casino in the GTA, but has already recommended Ontario Place, which is closed for extensive renovations, be ruled out. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sniffing out crime

Doggy-doo evidence did not breach rights: Court

Ontario's top court ruled Wednesday that a police officer did not seriously breach a woman's Charter rights when he picked up her shoes in her mudroom to smell for traces of canine feces. The woman, who was convicted of stealing a flat-screen television, had stepped in the feces from an untrained puppy when she stole the TV in 2009. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Truck safety

Speed-limiter law unconstitutional, court finds

An Ontario court has found that a law requiring trucks to be equipped with speed limiters is unconstitutional. But because the challenge happened at the provincial court level, the law isn't struck down. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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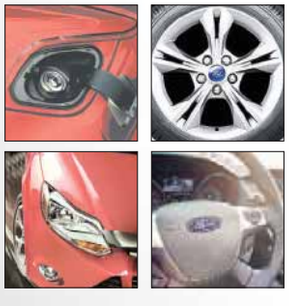

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A Canada Post employee is seen delivering mail to St. Georges School in Vancouver on Wednesday. The school received a package containing a human body part on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mailed body parts came with notes: Police

Magnotta case. Police being selective about disclosing information, hoping to discourage copycats

Police have revealed that body parts mailed to Vancouver schools were accompanied by notes — although they wouldn't elaborate on their content Wednesday. Montreal police confirmed they had taken over an investigation into the packages mailed to British Columbia, thought to be linked to a dismemberment case that has attracted international attention.

Two hands, two feet and a torso have turned up in different cities over the last week. Montreal police said they are working to find the missing head.

The suspected killer, Scarborough-bred former porn actor and escort Luka Rocco Magnotta, is in a German prison awaiting extradition.

Police said the packages sent to Vancouver were accompanied by messages, as were packages received in Ottawa last week.

"There are some notes from the beginning, from the first package that we found in Ottawa," said Montreal police Cmdr. Ian Lafrenière. "What was written on the notes, we kept that for ourselves."

Also on Wednesday, a passerby noticed what looked like a severed human foot sitting by a sidewalk in Montreal's west end. Police initially confirmed the limb as human, but it turned out to be a rubber foot. Police said the incident might warrant a criminal-mischief charge.

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Puzzling packages

Vancouver schools reassure nervous parents

Vancouver educators are reassuring parents after a human hand and foot were mailed to two local schools. Administrators at False Creek Elementary handed out letters to parents on how they could help kids cope. The letter said parents should limit children's exposure to media coverage and to be aware if they are watching anything about it on TV or the Internet. St. George's school also posted a letter on its website.

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Online mystery

Suspect may have posted new videos

Luka Rocco Magnotta appears to have posted new videos of himself while he was on the run, including one that began, "Hi to all my fans."

"We think it is recent. ... It would be very surprising if it was filmed before the murder," Montreal police Cmdr. Denis Mainville confirmed to the newspaper La Presse.

An activist with the Animal Beta Project said, however, that she believed some of the videos had originally been made in 2007. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Grief. Victim's family arrives in Montreal

The parents of Jun Lin, killed and dismembered in a case that has attracted international attention, arrived in Montreal late Tuesday.

A witness says Lin's mother struggled to stay on her feet and was so overcome with grief that she struggled to express herself.

The Lin family's arrival occurred under the media radar. Little information is available about the victim, compared to the attention-seeking accused killer, Luka Rocco Magnotta.

Among the few people to have met Lin's family are officials at Concordia University, where he was an engineering student. The head of the school's Chinese student association is among those who have met the family. "It's heartbreaking," Yan Shi said.

The family also met with police investigators handling the case. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heartbreaking journey

"We come to take you home now."

Yan Shi, the head of Concordia's Chinese student association, said that short, simple phrase was all he could make out from slaying victim Jun Lin's mother when he met the family upon their arrival in Canada

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Inuit welcome reversal of export ban on tusks

Inuit hunters are celebrating the reversal of a federal decision to block the export of narwhal tusks. The tusks, which can reach two metres in length, are highly valued by collectors and carvers and bring as much as $1.5 million a year into cash-starved Arctic communities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspicious parcels

Packages sent to Quebec political offices safe: Police

The Quebec provincial police anti-terrorist squad is investigating nearly two dozen suspicious packages that were sent to high-profile targets in the province on Wednesday, including the riding office of Premier Jean Charest.

The packages contained white powder but provincial police spokesman Benoit Richard said analysis determined it was not dangerous.

The packages were sent to government offices and media organizations.

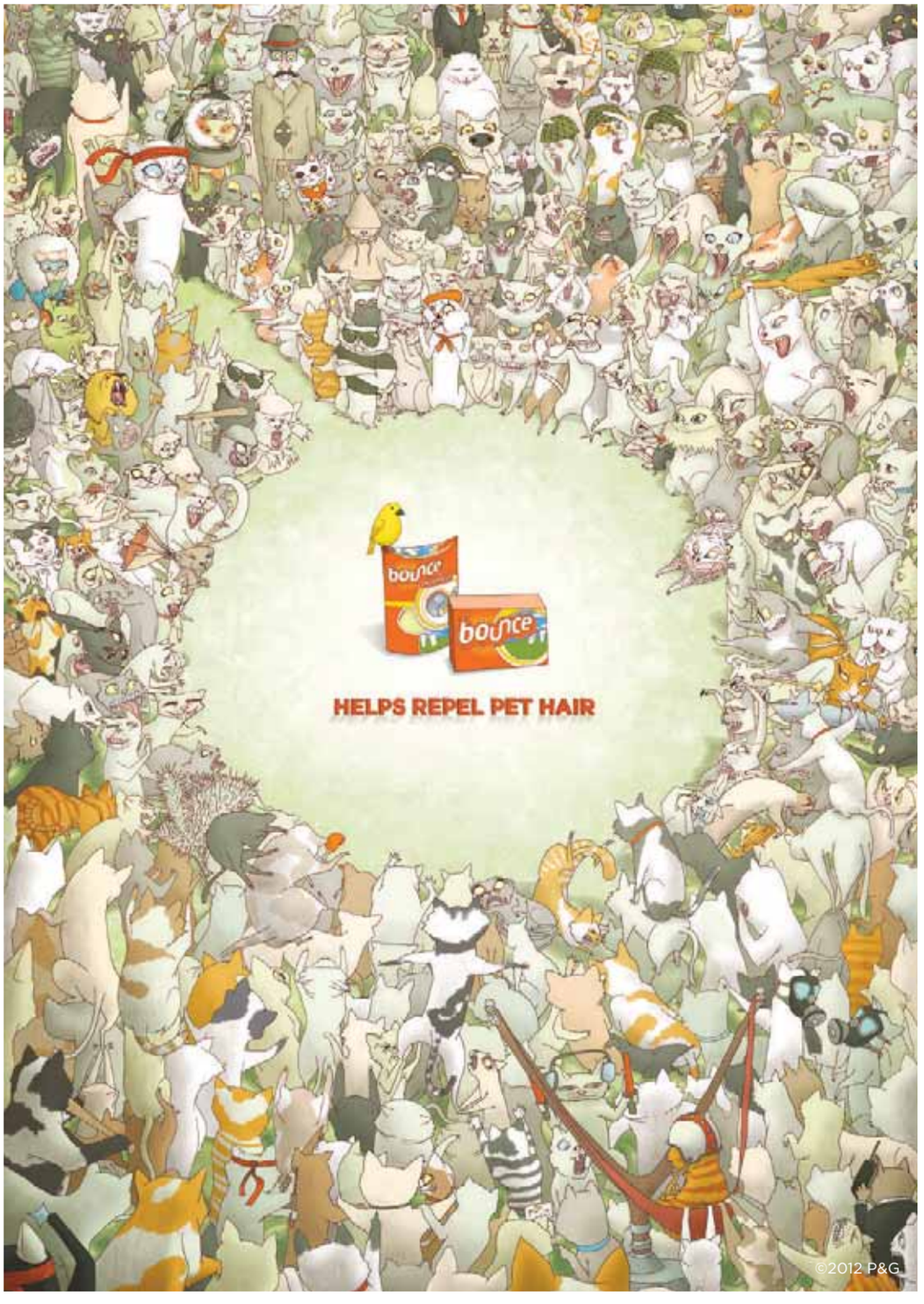
Richard said 11 suspicious packages were delivered in Montreal alone while another 12 were mailed to other parts of the province.

At least one of the packages was identified as containing baking soda. Police in Montreal said earlier that none of the packages they investigated were dangerous. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flight diverted

Unruly passenger tried to enter cockpit: Police

An Ontario man faces charges after an international flight was diverted to Newfoundland on Monday because of an unruly passenger who tried to enter the cockpit. Varinder Sood, 39, faces charges of mischief, causing a disturbance and interfering with the flight of an aircraft. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Quebec MNA arrested at protest rally

'Standing up.' Quebec solidaire member ticketed and fined for blocking road during Quebec City march

A member of the Quebec legislature, arrested and fined at a student protest, says his actions are inspired by the work of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

Amir Khadir was ticketed $494 for blocking a road and violating a highway-safety code.

The sole elected member of the tiny left-wing Quebec solidaire, Khadir says his protest against tuition hikes, and against the province's special law limiting protests, is modelled on historic acts of civil disobedience.

"I'm doing what Martin Luther King would have done — what Gandhi would have done," Khadir told reporters Wednesday in Quebec City. He said he wasn't comparing himself to the legendary Indian and American civil-rights leaders, but said he considered them his "models."

"For a people, for a parliamentarian, it is an honour to stand up — and not to accept injustice."

Khadir will contest the fine.

Francoise David, who is co-leader of Quebec solidaire with Khadir, said in a telephone interview she is proud of Khadir's social activism and decried the police action.

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Tuesday demonstration

Khadir was caught in a police dragnet Tuesday night as student protesters were surrounded and detained in the provincial capital.

- He was among dozens of people rounded up in Quebec City during a nighttime march against tuition-fee increases and a new provincial law putting limits on demonstrations.
- Marie-Eve Painchaud, a Quebec City police spokeswoman, said the arrests were carried out under the provincial highway code because the demonstrators were blocking traffic.

In the eye of the storm

Josh Beebee surveys damage after two tornados were reported to have touched down near Taber, Alta., on Tuesday, leaving more than half the town without power. Residents were cleaning up downed trees and minor damage to buildings on Wednesday.

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Obituary

Sci-fi legend Ray Bradbury dies

Author Ray Bradbury at a 1997 book signing for Quicker Than the Eye
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Ray Bradbury, the science-fiction-fantasy master who transformed his childhood dreams and Cold War fears into telepathic Martians, lovesick sea monsters, and, in uncanny detail, the high-tech, book-burning future of Fahrenheit 451, died on Tuesday. He was 91.

His writings ranged from horror and mystery to humour and sympathetic stories. Bradbury also scripted John Huston's 1956 film version of Moby Dick, wrote for The Twilight Zone and other programs including Ray Bradbury Theater.

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Egypt

Hosni Mubarak's health worsens

Hosni Mubarak's health sharply deteriorated Wednesday, days after he was sentenced to life in prison, and specialists were evaluating whether to transfer him to a better-equipped hospital outside the penal system, security officials said.

The deposed leader's health scare added to the uncertainty engulfing Egypt, where powerful political groups are seeking to bar Mubarak's former prime minister from the presidential runoff and derail the election.

Officials at Cairo's Torah prison said the 84-year-old Mubarak's condition had moved to a "dangerous" phase and that doctors administered oxygen five times to help him breathe.

Mubarak was the only patient being treated in the prison hospital's intensive-care unit, which recently underwent a $1-million U.S. renovation to prepare for his arrival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel approves construction of settler homes

A hollow compromise. Palestinians enraged, settlers disappointed while State Department voices displeasure

West Bank in crisis

Israel's prime minister accepted Wednesday's 69-62 vote despite widespread angst over the decision to transfer settlement buildings from Ulpana to Beit El.

- **Internal Resistance.** Settlers instead wanted the government to compensate Palestinians for their unlawful occupation in Ulpana. They now vow to fight the decision.
- **Reaction.** Negotiator Saeb Erekat labelled the decision as a "grave development" while the U.S. State Department cautioned the move undermines the entire peace process.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday ordered construction of 300 new homes in a West Bank settlement, a move aimed at placating settler anger over the planned demolition of an illegally built outpost nearby.

The decision infuriated the Palestinians, who have refused to conduct peace talks while Israel expands its settlements on occupied land. It also risked drawing an international backlash.

Netanyahu has been grappling with a domestic crisis over the unauthorized settlement outpost of Ulpana. The Supreme Court has ordered the five apartment buildings in the outpost to be removed by July 1 after determining they were built on private Palestinian land.

Netanyahu has said he would honour the ruling, while Jewish settlers and their hardline allies in Netanyahu's government have vowed to resist the order.

Netanyahu opposed the bill, saying it would likely be overturned by the Supreme Court and generate harsh international criticism.

In order to blunt settler anger, Netanyahu has come up with a novel solution: Instead of demolishing the buildings, he plans on removing them from their foundations and transferring them to the nearby settlement of Beit El. In addition, he said he would build 300 more homes in Beit El.

"Israel is a democracy that observes the law, and as prime minister I am obligated to preserve the law and preserve the settlements, and I say here that there is no contradiction between the two," Netanyahu said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rockslide derails train service

An aerial view of the rockslide at the Gotthard rail tracks near Gurtnellen, Switzerland, on Wednesday. Switzerland's main passenger rail connection to Italy has been cut for at least a month because of a rockslide in the Alps that has left one man missing.

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U.S. defense secretary defends drone attacks

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta inspects Indian troops during a welcoming ceremony in New Delhi, India Wednesday. JIM WATSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India. Leon Panetta discusses volatile relationship with Pakistan, remains firm on U.S. military tactics

Just two days after a drone strike killed al-Qaida's second-in-command, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta made it clear Wednesday that such attacks will continue as long as the U.S. needs to defend itself against terrorists that threaten America.

Speaking in India — on Pakistan's doorstep — Panetta unapologetically dismissed suggestions that the strikes could violate Pakistan's sovereignty.

"This is about our sovereignty as well," he said when answering questions from the audience after a speech at an Indian think-tank.

And he was blunt about the difficulties in the U.S. relationship with Pakistan, as insurgents continue to find safe haven there, despite repeated protests from American leaders.

"It's a complicated relationship, often times frustrating, often times difficult," Panetta said. "They have provided some co-operation. There are other times when frankly that co-operation is not there. But the United States cannot just walk away from that relationship. We have to continue to do what we can to ... find some mutual co-operation."

Panetta's message is likely to reverberate in Pakistan, particularly since it was delivered in India — its long-standing arch rival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Assad regime. China and Russia united on Syria sanctions debate

The Obama administration is warning Syria that UN sanctions may be near, as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton headed Wednesday to Turkey to talk strategy with America's allies and look for a way to win Russia's support for a transition plan ending the Assad regime.

Russia and China, however, who have blocked such sanctions before, issued a joint statement reiterating their opposition to any imposing of "regime change" in the violence-wracked country, where some 13,000 people have died in more than a year of uprisings against President Bashar Assad's leadership, and a brutal government crackdown on the opposition.

The U.S. warning was delivered by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who called for the world to exert "maximum financial pressure" on Assad's government. He argued that, "Strong sanctions can help hasten the day the Assad regime relinquishes power," but acknowledged that financial and diplomatic penalties alone cannot bring the needed political change.

Russian President Vladimir Putin with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In remarks Geithner planned to deliver to a Friends of Syria group, he said that unless Syria demonstrates "meaningful compliance" with UN efforts to end the violence, the U.S. and other countries will "soon join in taking appropriate actions against the Syrian regime, including, if necessary, Chapter 7 action in the UN Security Council."

A Chapter 7 resolution authorizes actions that can ultimately include the use of military force. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Favour for a favour

Walters helped Assad aide

Journalist Barbara Walters has apologized for trying to help a former aide to Syrian President Bashar Assad land a job in the U.S. after the woman, Sheherazad Jaafari, helped Walters set up an interview with Assad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barbara Walters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Libya

Bomb explodes next to U.S. consulate

Attackers set off a bomb next to a wall of the U.S. Consulate in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi Wednesday, the State Department said.

The blast underlined the unstable security situation in Libya, more than seven months after the death of deposed dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

It came two weeks before the country is scheduled to hold its first post-Gadhafi national elections. The State Department said that there were no injuries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Afghanistan horror

Suicide bombers turn Kandahar market into site of agony and death

Three suicide attackers blew themselves up in the largest city in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, turning a dusty marketplace into a gruesome scene of blood and bodies.

Twenty-two people were killed and at least 50 others wounded in the Kandahar bloodbath.

Taliban spokesperson Qari Yousef Ahmadi claimed responsibility for the attack in Kandahar, the spiritual birthplace of the insurgency.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack on innocent civilians.

He said it proved the "enemy is getting weaker because they are killing innocent people."

The explosion occurred about five kilometres from the main gate of the massive military installation run by the U.S.-led coalition and roughly 500 metres from an Afghan military base.

In the east, Afghan officials and residents said a pre-dawn NATO airstrike targeting militants killed civilians celebrating a wedding, including women and children. NATO said it was trying to capture a Taliban chief.

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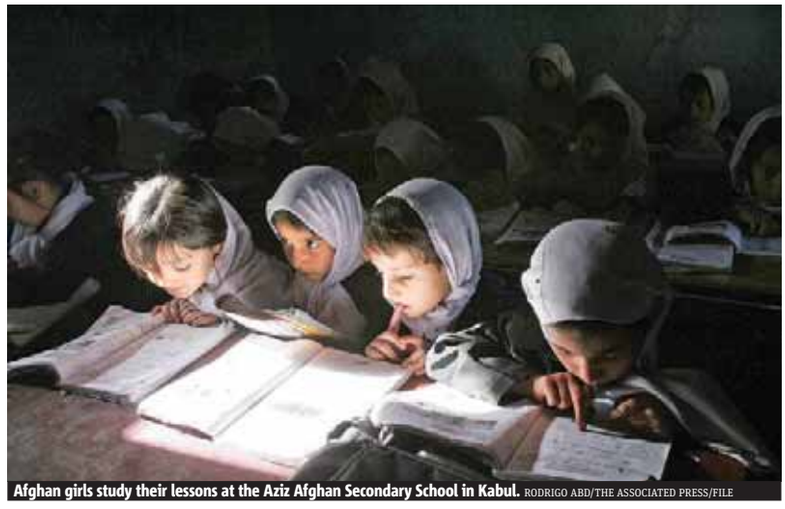

Afghan girls study their lessons at the Aziz Afghan Secondary School in Kabul. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

Girls targets in poison attacks

Taliban accused. They bribed students to lace school water with toxic powder, officials say

The Afghan government accused the Taliban Wednesday of poisoning schoolgirls.

Taliban members were accused of bribing students and workers to sneak toxic chemicals into drinking water or spread it around school grounds, sickening scores.

In two cases, female students were said to have been paid almost $1,000 to contaminate water tanks at their schools with toxic powder.

Fifteen suspects have been arrested, officials said.

Government officials said six schools were affected in northern Takhar province in the past three weeks.

The officials said one school alone had 125 cases.

President Hamid Karzai called for an investigation.

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Ugly war

The Taliban have long waged a war on women and girls.

- **BEFORE.** When the Taliban ruled Afghanistan, girls were banned from going to school.
- **AFTER.** After the 2001 ouster, Taliban members would spray schoolgirls' faces with acid.

Doomed flight no suicide mission: Airline

Investigators climb over the tail of the airliner that crashed in Lagos, Nigeria, on Sunday. JON GAMBRELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Nigerian airline whose airplane crashed defended itself Wednesday against growing public criticism.

Dana Air said its own chief engineer died on the doomed flight — which killed 153 on board and more on the ground.

The chief engineer "certainly would not have allowed that aircraft to take off" if there was a problem, said executive Francis Ogboro.

"No airline crew would go on a suicide mission."

The plane underwent strenuous checks like the others the carrier owns and that he routinely flies, Ogboro added.

The MD-83 crashed in Iju-Ishaga, the Lagos neighbourhood about nine kilometres from Lagos' Murtala Muhammed International Airport.

It smashed into two apartment buildings, a printing business and a woodshop.

Emergency officials have stopped searching for those killed at the crash site and will survey the neighbourhood. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What went wrong?

The cause of the crash on a sunny, clear Sunday afternoon remains unknown.

The flight's captain radioed Lagos as the aircraft approached and declared an emergency, saying both of the MD-83's engines had failed, Aviation Minister Stella Oduah said Wednesday.

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Allied veterans attend 68th D-Day memorial

Normandy. International politicians and Second World War veterans join in the unveiling of war-hero monument

With Second World War-era military planes darting overhead and Normandy's Utah Beach visible in the distance, a bronze statue emerged from beneath a camouflage parachute, in tribute to a man whose quiet leadership was chronicled in the book and television series Band of Brothers.

The unveiling of the Colorado-made statue of Pennsylvania native Maj. Dick Winters was one of many events marking Wednesday's 68th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied operation that paved the way for the end of the war.

French President Francois Hollande shakes hands with a Second World War veteran.
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The 3.6-metre-tall bronze statue in the Normandy village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont shows Winters with his weapon at the ready. But Winters — a native of Ephrata, Pa., who died last year at age 92 — only accepted serving as the statue's likeness after monument planners agreed to dedicate it to the memory of all junior U.S. military officers who served that day.

"There were many Dick Winters in this war, and all deserve the bronze and glory of a statue," said former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge, present as the bronze statue, draped in a camouflage parachute, was unveiled.

It was here that Winters and his small band of men dropped out of the sky on June 6, 1944, on a death-defying mission to destroy four German artillery guns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nuclear Iran

Israeli delegate accuses Tehran of nuclear deception

Israel's delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency accused Tehran on Wednesday of working secretly on nuclear weapons while pretending it does not want such arms, under a strategy of "deception, defiance and concealment."

Iran dismisses IAEA and international suspicions that it may have worked covertly on nuclear weapons and insists it has no interest in possessing such arms, saying its uranium enrichment program is geared toward generating nuclear fuel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S.-South Korea

Republicans urge renewal of nuclear agreement

Republican lawmakers are urging the U.S. to renew its civilian nuclear co-operation agreement with close ally South Korea.

The current 30-year pact, known as a 123 agreement, expires in 2014.

Rep. Donald Manzullo told a hearing that broadening the current pact would help South Korea develop a reliable source of energy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The final voyage

The space shuttle Enterprise, a prototype that never flew in space, travels up the Hudson River by barge to its new home aboard the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum Wednesday in New York. The U.S. space agency, NASA, ended its shuttle program last year. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama 2012. Clinton goes public over disagreement

Is Bill Clinton deliberately sabotaging President Barack Obama? That was the big question in the U.S. capital on Wednesday, the day after the former president once again parted ways with the Obama campaign on a crucial election issue — the extension of the George W. Bush-era tax cuts.

Clinton, who's been campaigning for Obama ahead of the November election, told CNBC that those tax cuts should be extended temporarily at the end of the year, even for the wealthiest Americans.

That's opposite to the Obama administration's approach to slashing the country's mammoth $15.7-trillion US national debt. The White House wants those tax cuts to expire for Americans earning more than $250,000 a year, saying the country's richest people must contribute to reining in deficits. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Miss USA Pennsylvania claims contest is rigged

Miss Pennsylvania Sheena Monnin has resigned from the pageant.
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Trump and pageantry. Sheena Monnin says she quit the contest because it was fixed while others charge it was her opposition to transgender contestants.

The Miss USA pageant representative from Pennsylvania resigned her crown claiming the contest is rigged, but according to organizers the beauty queen was upset over the decision to allow transgender contestants to enter.

A posting on Miss Pennsylvania Sheena Monnin's Facebook page claims another contestant learned the names of the top five finishers on Sunday morning — hours before the show was broadcast.

Monnin claims the other contestant told her the names of the top five she spotted on a planning sheet for the telecast — and she decided to step down as soon as those same contestants were named during the show.

"In my heart I believe in honesty, fair play, a fair opportunity, and high moral integrity, none of which in my opinion are part of this pageant system any longer," Monnin wrote in one of her Facebook posts.

Monnin, of Cranberry, Butler County, did not immediately respond to a Facebook message from The Associated Press.

Donald Trump, who runs the Miss Universe Organization, called Monnin's claims that the pageant was fixed "totally ridiculous" in a live interview Wednesday on ABC's Good Morning America and said the pageant organization plans to sue Monnin for making the "false charge."

Pageant organizers confirmed Monnin resigned, but said it wasn't for the reason she claimed.

According to a statement from the Miss Universe Organization, the contestant who Monnin claimed saw the sheet vehemently refuted Monnin's account.

Reaction

"We're going to be suing her now...She made a false charge"

Donald Trump, Miss USA Pageant co-owner reacts to Sheena Monnin's claims

The statement includes text from an email organizers said Monnin sent citing the decision to allow transgender contestants into the competition as the reason she's resigning.

A transgender contestant was initially denied entry to the Miss Universe Canada pageant, but Trump subsequently overruled that decision.

Miss Rhode Island, the pageant's winner, Olivia Culpo, told WPRO-AM she knew Monnin "fairly well" because contestants were often positioned alphabetically by state. She said Monnin's original resignation was based on her stance on the pageant's policy on transgender contestants and called it "strange" that Monnin is now saying something else.
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Gay marriage. Opponents block Washington state law with signature drive

Washington state's law allowing gay marriage was blocked from taking effect Wednesday as opponents filed more than 200,000 signatures seeking a public vote on the issue in November.

Preserve Marriage Washington turned in the signatures just a day before the state was to begin allowing same-sex marriages.

"The current definition of marriage works and has worked," said Joseph Backholm, the chair of Preserve Marriage Washington.

The law, passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Chris Gregoire earlier this year, would make Washington the seventh U.S. state to have legal same-sex marriages.

State officials will review the signatures to determine whether they are enough to qualify for a public vote, though the numbers suggest the measure will make the ballot easily.

National groups have already promised to fight the law, including the National Organization for Marriage, which was involved in ballot measures that overturned same-sex marriage in California and Maine.

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Varying states of legalization

- Washington state has had domestic partnership laws since 2007, and in 2009, passed an "everything but marriage" expansion of that law, which was ultimately upheld by voters after a referendum challenge.
- Gay marriage is legal in New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington, D.C.
- Maryland legalized gay marriage this year but is also poised for a public vote in the coming months.

North Korea. Caste system created by regime: Study

In the supposed workers' paradise of North Korea, inequality is assigned at birth, a study by a U.S.-based human-rights group says.

Education, job, access to scarce food and health care, and even whom you marry all hinge on how loyal your forebearers are viewed to have been to the Kim dynasty that took power six decades ago.

The study released Wednesday by the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea says all adults in the socialist state are categorized as one of three classes: Loyal, wavering or hostile.

The non-government human rights group says it amounts to a caste system.

Despite the emergence of informal markets since the late 1990s challenging state control, the study says the class system persists and is behind the discrimination and abuses faced by the lowest echelons of the North's closed society.

The North Korean government denies such a discriminatory class system exists.

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North Koreans enjoy a picnic on a hilltop park overlooking Pyongyang on a national holiday celebrating the birthday of the late leader Kim Il Sung on April 18. DAVID GUTTENFELDER/THE ASSOCAITED PRESS FILE

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Google takes aim at state-sponsored account hacking

Warning messages. Internet giant can't reveal how it knows users are being targeted, but it will issue onscreen alerts

Google said Wednesday that it has added a feature to warn users whose accounts it believes are targets of "state-sponsored attacks," but the firm did not cite a specific government.

Google Inc., however, closed its search engine in China in 2010 after saying it no longer wanted to co-operate with Beijing's Internet censorship following hacking attacks traced to China.

A message that says "Warning: We believe state-sponsored attackers may be trying to compromise your account or computer" will appear onscreen if users are targeted, Eric Grosse, a vice-president for security engineering, wrote on a company blog.

Google cannot say how it knows activity is state-sponsored without giving information that would help attackers, Grosse wrote. But detailed analysis and victim reports "strongly suggest the involvement of states or groups that are state-sponsored," he wrote.

A report in November by U.S. intelligence agencies said Chinese and Russian intelligence services and companies with state ties systematically break into American computer systems to steal commercial information.

Google's 2010 announcement that it was closing its search engine in China said email accounts of human-rights activists critical of China had been hacked. The company said some of its intellectual property also was stolen in a separate attack that targeted at least 20 other large companies.

Last year, Google said computer hackers in China broke into the personal Gmail accounts of several hundred people, including senior U.S. government officials, military personnel and political activists.

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Search-term censorship

- Google's latest move comes after the company added a feature to its Chinese-language search engine in Hong Kong last week that warns users in China who enter search keywords that might produce blocked results. It highlights which terms might trigger filters, challenging official Chinese efforts to conceal censorship.

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Sexual health warning

Drug resistance in gonorrhea growing: WHO

The World Health Organization says the sexually transmitted disease gonorrhea is growing resistant to drugs and could soon become untreatable.

The UN health agency urged governments and doctors Wednesday to step up surveillance of antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea because it can cause inflammation, infertility, pregnancy complications and even maternal death. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Apple iPhone drawing new rival: Report

Mobile wars. Windows Phone smartphones to surpass Apple iPhones by 2016, report suggests

A new eyebrow-raising report suggests an underdog in the mobile-phone wars is just a few years away from overtaking Apple as the second-largest smartphone seller in the world.

Sadly for Research in Motion, it's not the BlackBerry being heralded as a giant killer but Microsoft's Windows Phone platform, which research firm IDC says will surpass Apple's iPhones by 2016.

As of this year, Google's Android platform has the global lead with 61 per cent of the smartphone market, followed by Apple with 20.5 per cent, RIM at six per cent and Windows at 5.2 per cent, according to IDC.

By 2016, IDC sees Android at 52.9 per cent, Windows Phone at 19.2 per cent, Apple at 19 per cent and RIM down just a tenth of a percentage point to 5.9 per cent.

The report was encouraging news for Chris Weber, Nokia's president of the North American market, who was in Toronto on Wednesday for the Canadian Telecom Summit.

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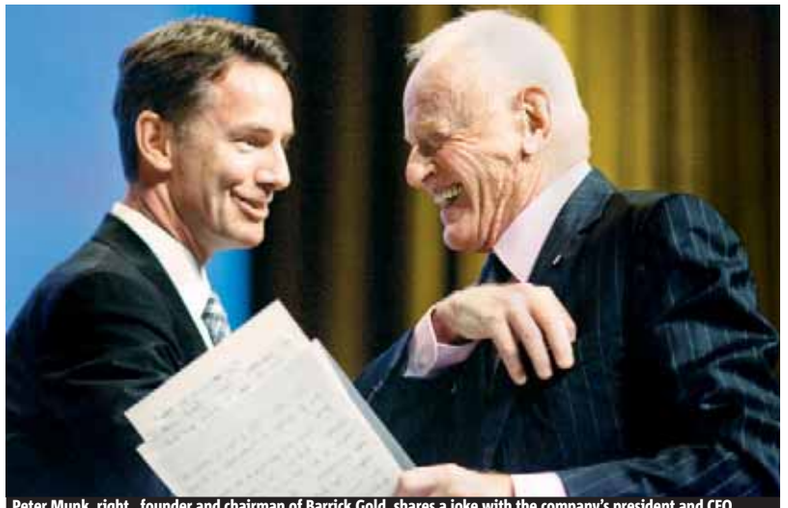
Lumia

Windows Phone's fortunes will largely be tied to the success of Nokia, which recently launched a line of competitively priced and well-reviewed smartphones under the Lumia brand.

- The higher-end Lumia 900 sells for about $30 on a three-year contract compared to the starting price of $160 for the iPhone 4S.



Peter Munk, right , founder and chairman of Barrick Gold, shares a joke with the company's president and CEO Aaron Regent during their AGM in Toronto on Wednesday. The company announced Wednesday it replaced Regent and installed a former U.S. investment banker as co-chairman of its board of directors. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Barrick Gold replaces CEO

Barrick Gold Corp. has abruptly replaced its chief executive and installed a former U.S. investment banker as co-chairman of its board of directors, saying they will help the company restore its lacklustre stock price.

Jamie Sokalsky, who was the Toronto-based company's chief financial officer, has replaced Aaron Regent as Barrick's chief executive and president — effective immediately.

At the board of directors, John Thornton — a former president of Goldman Sachs, the U.S. investment banking giant — will join Barrick founder Peter Munk as co-chairman.

Munk, 84, who is one of Canada's best-known businessman, issued a statement thanking Regent for his efforts but making it clear they weren't enough.

Barrick stock closed Tuesday at $43.70, down sharply from its 52-week high of $55.36. While the price of gold has declined from record highs, many analysts have said shares of gold companies including Barrick underperformed the metal.

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Survey. Canadians fall deeper in debt

A new bank study suggests the average Canadian household is more than $100,000 in debt and that Canadians have ramped up borrowing in the past five years.

The first annual BMO survey on household debt found that average household debt among Canadians surveyed stands at $112,329, including mortgage, credit card, line of credit and loan debt.

But the bank says so-called good debt like mortgages outweighs less favourable forms of borrowing. While 25 per cent of those surveyed say they are debt-free, 41 per cent say that they have taken on more debt in the past five years as a result of increased spending.

And 54 per cent of respondents said they expect to be debt-free in the next five years.

The survey also found that 70 per cent of Canadians believe they can afford to pay down debt by paying more than the minimum, but one-third appear to be stretched with paying only the minimum amounts.

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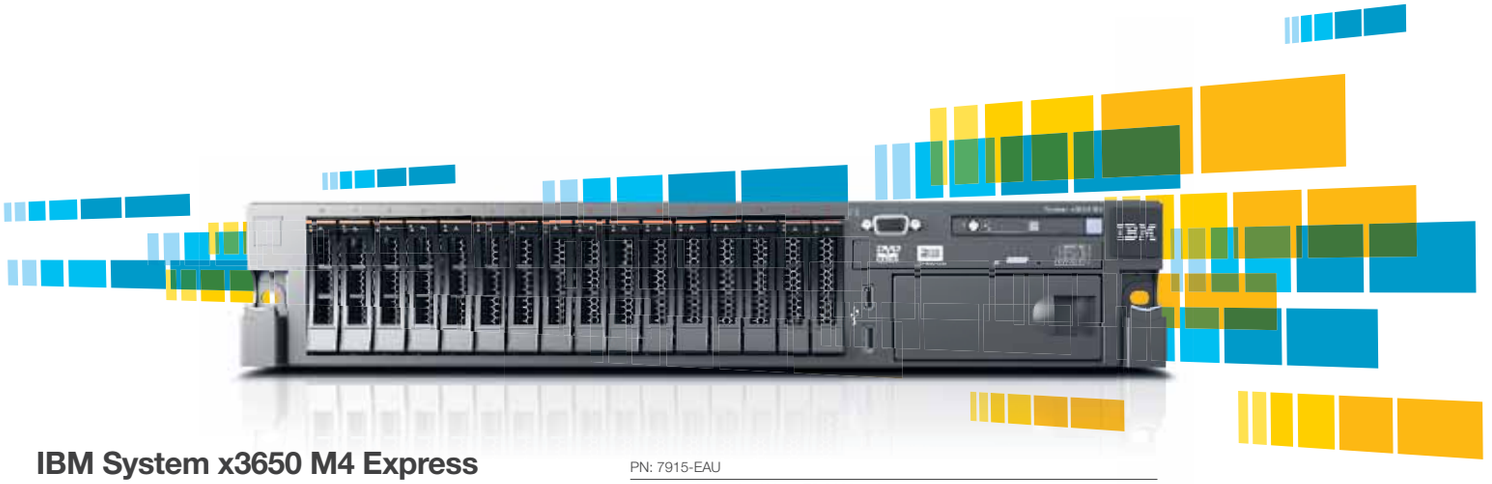

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Market study lauds Canada's best brands

Good business. Most valuable business goes to TD Bank with Lululemon named fastest-growing in 2012

With its recognizable logo centred prominently on yoga and exercise gear, Lululemon Athletica Inc. was the fastest-growing brand in 2012, according to a marketing study released Wednesday.

The brand value of the Vancouver company — whose trendy and form-fitting workout clothing is already well-known in Canada and is steadily growing in the U.S. — has increased 292 per cent to a value of $3.24 billion, the latest study by brand experts Interbrand has determined. It moved up to the seventh spot for 2012 from 17th in 2010.

"Lululemon demonstrates phenomenal success in diversifying beyond yoga apparel into a lifestyle brand that resonates with a much broader consumer audience," said Alfred DuPuy, managing director of Interbrand Canada.

TD Bank was named as Canada's most valuable brand in 2012 with a value of $9.69 billion by Interbrand, up from the No. 2 spot in 2010, a 45 per cent gain. Interbrand said the improvement at TD — which has rapidly been ramping up its presence south of the border — is attributed to its attention to customer experience and its brand strategy.

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Alfred DuPuy, managing director, Interbrand Canada

Idaho remaining faithful

A law professor in Washington says he can't swallow Idaho's decision not to approve a vodka that makes a cheeky reference to polygamy. Jonathan Turley, a professor at George Washington University, is asking the state to reconsider its ban on Ogden's Own Distillery Five Wives Vodka, pictured above stocked at a state liquor store in Salt Lake City. BRIAN SKOLOFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigation

Reports suggest six million LinkedIn passwords stolen

Business social network LinkedIn said it is investigating reports that more than six million passwords have been stolen and leaked onto the Internet.

Although LinkedIn did not confirm if any user data had been hacked or leaked, researchers at U.K. Web security company Sophos say they have confirmed that a file posted online does contain, in part, LinkedIn passwords "hashes."

That's a way of encrypting or storing passwords in a different form.

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Technology

Google unveils new digital maps

Google's digital mapping service will get several new features in hopes of becoming more convenient, comprehensive and compelling as it braces for a potential loss in traffic from Apple's hot-selling mobile devices.

Wednesday's preview of the mapping service's coming attractions seemed timed to blunt the blow from the loss of a prized perch as the built-in navigation service on Apple's iPhone and iPad. Apple Inc. intends to end its five-year partnership with Google's mobile maps next week when it will unveil its own service, according to recent reports in The Wall Street Journal and the technology blog 9to5. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NEWS ITEM: Canadian television will expand by at least two stations this fall, further growing this country's vast TV universe and highlighting the importance of specialty stations. Here's a look at some of the proposed new channels that will soon be on Canadian airwaves:

NHLPA Classic: Just in time for this summer's expected labour dispute, National Hockey League Players' Association Classic brings you the greatest highlights from the 1994-95 and 2004-2005 work stoppages! Relive the greatest compromises and toughest stonewalling! See Goodenow and Bettman one-on-one! See classic meetings like the nine-hour February 9, 2005, spectacular! See highlight shows like Bettman's Top 10 attempts at a smile! "NHLPA Classic: Because it's the Cash."

Fox News Canada: Made by Canadians against Canadians, Fox News Canada provides a fair and balanced look at the pot-smoking, war-avoiding, gay-embracing atheists that make Canada the moral cesspool it is today. Not to be confused with Sun TV, which is patriotic and cheap, Fox News Canada will spend top dollar to let you know that your country sucks. Shows will include The O'Leary and O'Leary Exchange and NDP: Ties to Terror?

Canadian Beauties Corporation: Featuring the best in Canadian exotic dancers from Tracadie to Red Deer, CBC will be equipped with a special "Panic Button" that immediately changes the screen to what appears to be an episode of Mass for Shut-ins.

CanCon

"Gord!, or PBS (Pinsent Broadcasting Station), will have a 100 per cent commitment to the most Canadian of names."

Gord!: According to strict CanCon guidelines, Canadian television is already 65 per cent Gordon-related, but Gord!, or PBS (Pinsent Broadcasting Station), will have a 100 per cent commitment to the most Canadian of names. Gordon Pinsent, Gord Downie, Gordon Sinclair, Gordie Howe, they're all here! Even Gord Stellick! Programming includes And Howe!, Pinsent-a-Go-Go and Star Trek: Gord.

OLN — Obese Loafers Network: Responding to this country's changing attitudes toward fitness, the Obese Loafers Network will appeal to the average Canadian's inner couch potato, which in most cases is hidden under many, many layers of outer couch potato. Home to best-in-class events like the Halifax Lounge-A-Thon and the Boston Pizza-eating Marathon, OLN will be the leader in inaction television.

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Already on board with Gord: Gordon Pinsent, centre, poses with Blue Rodeo's Greg Keelor, left, and Travis Good of the Sadies in April. The trio collaborated on an album based on poems written by Pinsent. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Riding tall on Cuban wheels

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Upcycling

Bike maker shifts into high gear

Felix Guirola waves to people as he takes his self-made 3.45-metre-tall bicycle for a spin through downtown Havana, Cuba, on May 18.

Guirola has been riding tall since 1983, when seeing a tandem bike inspired him to build up instead of out.

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Climbing aides

Felix Guirola climbs up his tall bike as people help steady it as he prepares to take it for a ride.

- Guirola said his first tall bike measured 1.6 metres high.
- The bikes got progressively taller until five years later he was riding more than three times as high in the air at Ciego de Avila carnivals.

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The height in metres of the Cuban's tallest handmade bike.

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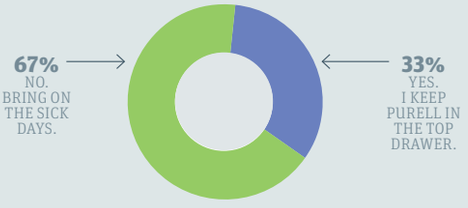

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@krustation
Should be interesting to see how this is put into place. No fee — 6 months then no plastic Bags AT ALL. (or so it seems) #TOcouncil #topoli

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my facebook newsfeed is being blown up about ryan gosling being in town #burlingtonbubble

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@kris81to
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@johnpaulmorgan
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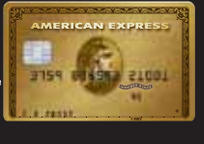

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Welsh's Trainspotting prequel to be showcased at Luminato

Skagboys. Latest novel tells the story of Renton and Sick Boy before they were in the depths of heroin addiction

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Violence, addiction, family tragedy — there's no limit to the depravity Scottish author Irvine Welsh is willing to put his characters through.

Yet there's more than sadism that pushes the Trainspotting author to torture his creations.

"I'm interested in how we fail and what form failure comes in," he says.

"Why do we insist on snatching defeat from the jaws of victory?"

Welsh is in town next Tuesday as part of Luminato to launch his latest bleak tome, Skagboys, a prequel the cult classic Trainspotting.

Set in the early '80s, the book chronicles Renton, Sick Boy and Spud's slow descent into heroin, or skag, addiction, while taking steady aim at the Thatcher-era policies that helped make Edinburgh "the AIDS capital of Europe."

Parts of the novel were written at the same time as Trainspotting, but were ultimately axed.

"Instead of showing people how this all happened I just wanted to bring people right into that subculture," says Welsh.

"(That way) Trainspotting would come across as a much more out there and incendiary type of book."

He started with two or three completed chapters and a handful of notes and character sketches.

"It wasn't just a book lying around, and we stuck it between the covers."

Much of that material dealt with the family lives of Renton, played by Ewan McGregor in Danny Boyle's film adaptation, and Sick Boy, played by Jonny Lee Miller. Further material providing background for Begbie, their terrifyingly violent mate, played by Robert Carlyle in the movie, was left out.

The book's genesis has been both overstated and outright dismissed in some circles.

Welsh says about 20 per cent of Skagboys came from the unearthed material, though even that stat remains in flux.

"Nobody believes a thing I say anyway," he jokes. "The best writers are always good liars."

Details:

- Irvine Welsh —Tuesday, June 12. 9 p.m. TIFF Bell Lightbox, 350 King St. W. $20.

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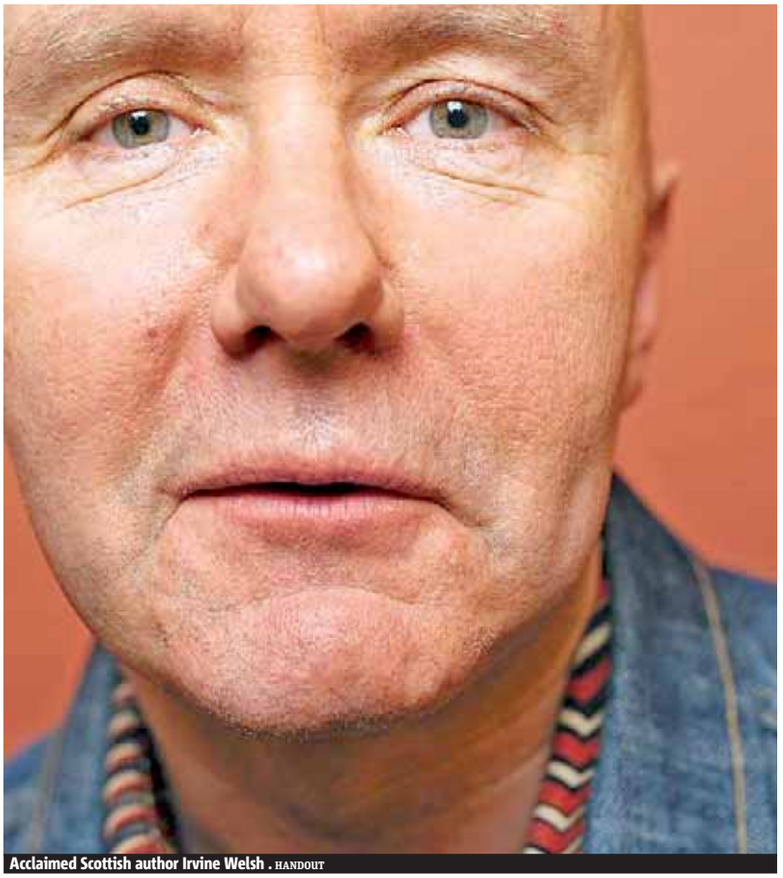

Acclaimed Scottish author Irvine Welsh . HANDOUT

NXNE film fest:

Ecstasy screening

On top of launching Skagboys, Welsh will also accompany a screening of Ecstasy Thursday night as part of North By North East's film fest.

Based on the short story, The Undefeated, which was included in the titular collection of short stories the film takes viewers into a drug-fuelled world — in this case the '90s U.K. club scene. But Welsh thinks the inevitable comparisons to Trainspotting simply don't do it justice.

"It's had a rougher ride than a film like that should have," he says. "You either get criticized for being too much like Trainspotting, or not enough like Trainspotting."

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Scene in brief

Bynes charged with DUI

Los Angeles prosecutors have charged actress Amanda Bynes, 26, with driving under the influence roughly two months after authorities say she grazed a sheriff's patrol car in an early morning accident. Bynes was arrested April 6 after authorities say she scraped a patrol car making a turn. The misdemeanour complaint filed Tuesday alleges she refused to take a test at the time that could've determined whether she was drunk or under the influence of drugs. Because of her refusal, authorities may suspend her driver's licence for a year. Bynes appeared in the Nickelodeon series What I Like About You and the film Easy A.
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High School. Colin Hanks plays assistant principal in stoner comedy

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In conversation Colin Hanks is an affable guy. He laughs easily, sounding a great deal like his famous father Tom. It's a good thing he's has a sociable disposition because he's been spending a great deal of time lately doing something he doesn't always enjoy — chatting to the press.

"You get asked the same things over and over again," he says. "That's the nature of the press junket. I've had some great press junkets that have been a piece of cake and I've had some that have been torturous. Like watching paint dry off of the inside of my eyelids. But, it's part of the gig."

He cites the example of being asked about his favourite colour. "I don't think about my favourite color. It's just my favourite color. Now, talk about it for five minutes. I can't!"

"I'm incredibly lucky to get to do what I do and this is another part of the job, which I don't think a lot of people understand. They think that this is the fun part and it's not. The fun part for me is the make believe."

He is happy, however, to chat about his new movie. High School is a stoner comedy about a MIT-bound student who smokes a joint a day before mandatory drug tests and a zero tolerance policy for weed are announced in his school. To avoid being expelled he concocts a plan to get everyone in his school high, figuring that if everyone fails the drug test no one will be expelled.

Hanks is Brandon, the school's assistant principal, who "likes the kids, but hates his boss." "I don't think it is any mistake that Brandon is able to put two and two together and find out what this familiar sensation is that he's feeling and realize that the entire school is stoned."

It's an outrageous comedy, but Hanks chose to underplay his character. "It's more fun that way," he says. "I always like that kind of comedy. I like the big broader type guy and then you cut to the guy who is a little more subdued who is smirking and can't believe the stuff he's hearing. I always like that so I took a team player approach. I knew eventually you were going to see my character go off, and go nuts, and he has that moment, so why not work to that moment?"

Colin Hanks' character likes the kids and hates his boss. HANDOUT

Allure of Cronenberg's script drew Pattinson in

Cosmopolis. British star explains what it was like playing billionaire Eric Packer, a role he's won praise for

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When David Cronenberg wrote the Cosmopolis script he transcribed much of the dialogue directly from Don DeLillo's densely written novel. Those pages of complicated, lyrical conversation attracted the film's star, Robert Pattinson.

"I liked the poetry of this script when I first read it," he said. "My only idea was that it was really different to anything I had ever done and I thought I couldn't do it. That stuck to me afterwards and I thought that should be the way to choose projects, or which projects to go after — the ones you don't understand, or the ones you are scared of. That generally means you'll end up being better afterwards."

The script was so finely tuned that barely a word was changed during the shoot. The 26-year-old Twilight star says he is used to script changes on other movies, but a modification to a line about a gun on the Cosmopolis set jarred his pacing.

"I remember the line was about the attachment above the trigger guard," he says. "But there was no attachment above the trigger guard (on the prop gun). I was so used to the rhythms of everything and suddenly it changed the rhythm of the entire scene. We were doing page-and-a-half long sequences and it was so in my head that to suddenly change it on the day threw me."

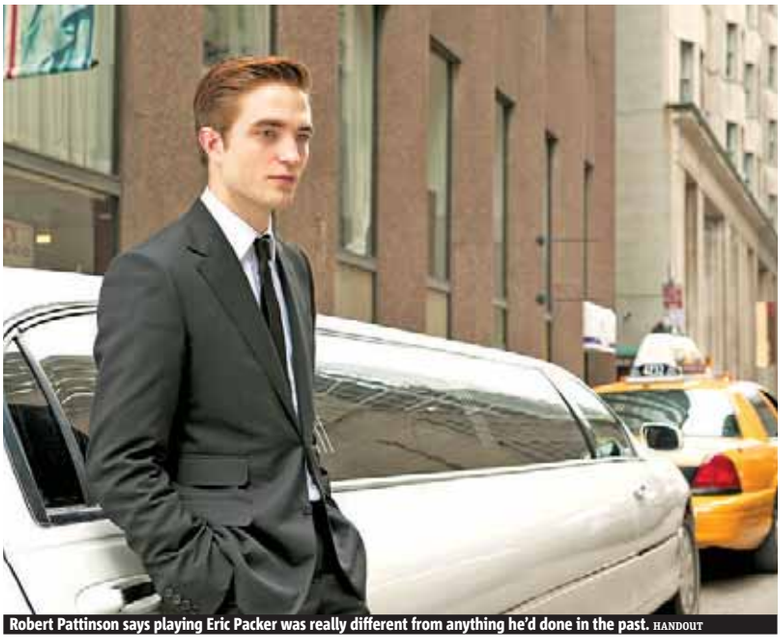
He's been winning praise for his strange, otherworldly performance as billionaire money manager Eric Packer, but don't suggest he delved deep into his own psyche to create the man we see on screen.

He says the perception is that actors have "to be psychoanalysts," but that's just from the '50s. Before that actors only thought about their face, and their voice and their movement.

"I think that's one of the things I have come away from this movie with, in terms of acting in general. You don't need to analyze things that much. You don't need to understand it."

It's a complicated film, bursting with ideas and one very much open to interpretation and debate, but Pattinson would prefer to leave the psychological heavy lifting to the audience. "I'm not a post modernist scholar," he says. Instead he remembers what drew him to the project in the first place — the dialogue.

"I like saying it," he says. "When I see clips I want to say the lines again. It's like eating."



Robert Pattinson says playing Eric Packer was really different from anything he'd done in the past. HANDOUT

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Robert Pattinson's thoughts on the Cosmopolis script

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What it's like to play the New Girl's (sometimes) guy

Q & A. New Girl's Jake Johnson gives us the low down on playing Nick next to Zooey Deschanel

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

A year ago, most people didn't know who Jake Johnson was. Today, men are stopping him in the street to say, "'What the f— k's your problem, dude? That's Zooey Deschanel, dude,'" as Johnson himself tells it. Since getting his big break on the Citytv sitcom New Girl, the 33-year-old has been routinely harassed for his character's wussy behaviour when it comes to his roommate and perennial lust-object Jess (Deschanel). The will-they, won't-they quality of the relationship has drawn so much attention that #NicknadJess became a trending topic on Twitter as the show approached its first season finale.

As Johnson sat down with us to promote his upcoming film Safety Not Guaranteed, co-starring Aubrey Plaza and Mark Duplass, he took some time to analyze the greatest twee-affair of our time.

Metro: So, New Girl. You yell a lot on the show.
Johnson: What I like about playing him is that I don't fully understand him. I know who Jess is. I know who Schmidt is. I'm starting to figure out who Winston is, but I don't know who Nick is and I think it's because — to get all deep and ridiculous — I don't think Nick has any idea who he is. He's wading through the madness of "f— man, I am 30 years old and I have not figured it out and I'm not getting any closer." There's panic and that sucks, so he yells.

What do you know about next season?
Nothing. I don't think they know. I think the reality of our show is that a lot of it exists in between (series creator) Liz Meriwether's ears and she doesn't know yet.

But your character and Zooey Deschanel's seemed to get closer at the end of the season.
For my storyline, I think there was a Nick-Jess thing and then they went really far away from it. But I think that was Liz. I think she didn't want it for a while. She thought at the beginning, that it was turning too Nick-Jess. And she was like, "I don't want this to be a relationship show." But then I think she went in her own mental evolution of it, I think she was like, "well, I want those characters to be together a little bit more." And so at the end of the season, they got really back together. People say, "Oh, I know exactly where the show's going. It's going to be this by season four." But I talk to Liz on a regular basis. We're friends. She doesn't have all the answers.

Where do you want to see those characters go?
I had times with Nick where I was like, "Eh, I don't like this guy." I know what he does. I enjoy playing him, but like, stop crying. Stop being so nasty. And that was the beginning of "this dude is way weirder than I imagined." And I like weird people, so I was like, "OK, OK, you're going to get weirdsies aren't you pal?"

Zooey Deschanel and Jake Johnson star in the sitcom New Girl. HANDOUT

Do you think Jess and Nick could work as a couple?
They don't get along great, so in my opinion, they're more of a Sam and Diane from Cheers where everything about Sam and Diane, they were opposites. Nick is a realist going towards pessimism, not infatuated with the world, does not think sparkles cure everything, does not sing and dance through life. And Jess is, and they're both a little bit too far in one direction.

Well thanks for theorizing with us. Can't wait to see the next season!
It's still really new enough for me that it's interesting for me too, on my end and I don't feel ownership of it, so I wouldn't be having this talk if I was the writer, where I'd be like "I'm so interesting, how I'm doing this." I'm just a fan like everyone else.

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Double the shows, double the laughs

Television. A new spin on the talk show and game show — IFC will premiere Comedy Bang! Bang! and Bunk on Friday night

Host Scott Aukerman, left, and his sidekick Reggie Watts from the IFC late-night talk show Comedy Bang! Bang! ROBYN VONSWANK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Back-to-back, IFC will soon be premiering what it bills as an anti-talk show Comedy Bang! Bang! and an anti-game show Bunk.

Anti this, anti that — but what they're clearly *for* is laughs.

It all starts Friday at 10 p.m. EDT with Comedy Bang! Bang!, the inconveniently punctuated twist on late-night talk hosted by Scott Aukerman, based on his podcast of the same name.

CB!B! is an absurdist blend of banter between Aukerman and his guests (first up: Zach Galifianakis, with whom Aukerman has previously teamed on the hilarious Between Two Ferns online videos), plus sketches, filmed shorts (such as a hidden-camera "gotcha" exposé called Tsk-Tsk Attaboy that's dumb enough to fit on Dateline NBC) and other flights of fancy (in the midst of one interview, Aukerman excuses himself to go feed the meter for his car, parked outside in a futuristic world at war).

Fluffy-coiffed Reggie Watts serves as the beats-generating one-man-band and affable sidekick. The show even launches with its own (falling-down-drunk) sommelier. And in a stark departure from talk-show orthodoxy, no one is plugging anything.

Befitting Aukerman's status as an alumnus of the brilliant Mr. Show, CB!B! is tightly formatted and jammed with comic elements, yet loosey-goosey and demented.

While many of the bits are carefully prepared, "any time I'm talking to guests — even when Will Forte comes out as a deranged airline pilot — all of that is improvised," says Aukerman, speaking by phone from Los Angeles, where his 10-episode series is produced.

Improv is also the name of the game — literally — on Bunk, the companion series that follows at 10:30 p.m.

"It's a game show where none of the questions have answers, where the prizes the contestants are playing for are imaginary, and the scoring is random," says emcee Kurt Braunohler, proudly adding, "I choose the winner arbitrarily."

Braunohler, an improv performer and stand-up comic, presides over a trio of contestants each week who, by trade, are also up-and-coming comedians.

On the first edition, he welcomes Kumail Nanjiani, Ben Garant and Ethan T. Berlin (a creator of the series), whose particular make-a-wish grand prize, if he wins, would allow him to escape the pressures of adulthood by trading lives with a baby.

Berlin, with whom Braunohler was once working at an actual game show for MTV, was frustrated "that all of the really funny ideas that we had we couldn't do because of the restrictions of, like, legality," as Braunohler recalls. From that came an insight: "What if we did a game show where we didn't have to worry about things being right or wrong? What if things could just be funny?"

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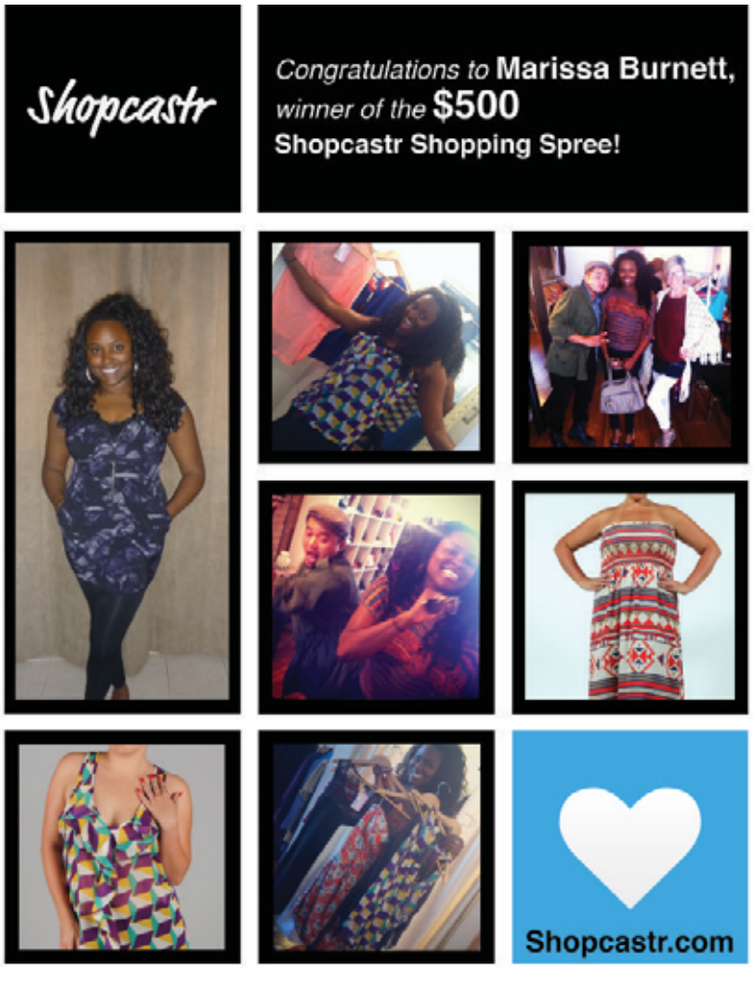

Irwin kids star in YouTube animal program

Growing Up Wild.
Bindi and Robert Irwin's new series tops YouTube Pet Collective

Instead of an alarm clock, they wake to the sounds of elephants and tigers. They walk their dogs, but it's often to go see the crocodiles and echidnas. And when they worry, it is about creatures like the Tazmanian devil.

Robert and Bindi Irwin live in the centre of the 1,500-acre Australia Zoo near Brisbane, a thriving legacy to their late father and crocodile hunter Steve Irwin.

They are also the stars of Growing Up Wild, one of several pet series FremantleMedia plans for its new YouTube channel called The Pet Collective.

Bindi, 13, says she hopes the show generates interest in conservation because "every time we lose an animal species, it's like losing a brick from the house. Pretty soon, the house just falls over."

Robert, 8, wants people to know: "Not all animals actually make good pets. Be careful what animals you actually choose and always protect animals."

Fremantle, the company behind American Idol, The X Factor and the international Got Talent franchise, is already a huge YouTube partner, said Richard Vargas, senior vice-president of development and production for London-based Fremantle.

"There are over 3.2 billion views of Fremantle content on YouTube today," he said. "That's where our audiences are going, from TV to the new media world, so we are moving there as well."

The pet lovers channel and Growing Up Wild debuted on May 31. Through the week, The Pet Collective debuted other new shows like The Litter, the story of a litter of kittens narrated by Khloe Kardashian; The Unadoptables, looking at hard-to-adopt pets; and Master & Pet, a scripted comedy-drama about a woman and her cat who seems to be masterminding her dating life.

A new five-minute episode of each series will air weekly. There will be about 10 episodes in each series and they will remain in rotation for a year.

YouTube, owned by Google Inc., launched its original 100-channel initiative in 2011. Pets and their popularity seemed a perfect match for Fremantle and its production abilities, Vargas said.

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"Every time we lose an animal species, it's like losing a brick from the house. Pretty soon, the house just falls over."

Bindi Irwin on her hopes that Growing Up Wild generates interest in conservation

Some series will feature audience-produced video, but Growing Up Wild features TV-style production. "They are such an engaging duo. It's the Irwins naturally telling the camera and the audience their anecdotes about these animals. It's not like they are reading scripts or anything. They are really passionate about the subject," Vargas said.

After their episode on the red panda, "I wanted a red panda for myself," he said.

The kids talk a lot about Irwin, who died in 2006 when he was hit in the chest by a stingray's barb while snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef. They are proud of him and his accomplishments.

Both kids want to carry on his work, especially species preservation. Bindi is the teacher, Robert the paleontologist.

Bindi and Robert Irwin, children of famed animal adventurer Steve Irwin, pet an echidna. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"My dad always said this and I thought it was very profound. He said, 'I always understand crocodiles because they will always try and kill you no matter what. You know what they're going to do because they are always going to try and kill you," Bindi said.

People might be trying to kill you too, she said, but "they will try to be your friend first. You can always count on animals to do the same thing and have the same personality and you can trust that. It's a trait that some people don't seem to have."

Of all the animals at the zoo, Robert likes the crocodiles the best. There are more than 100 at the zoo, both salt and fresh water.

"They are almost like modern-day dinosaurs," he said, and while he likes them all, his favourite is a 16-foot-long beast named Acco.

Bindi, named after one of her father's favourite crocodiles, said she loves them and the snakes, but her favourites are the echidnas, animals that use their long noses and tongues to eat ants and termites. "They are very soft and look like black blobs with lots of spikes," she said. The echidna and the platypus are the only two egg-laying mammals in the world, she added.

In what the zoo calls the echidna experience, visitors can put food on their toes and the animals will eat it. "It tickles and they laugh and it makes the best photos," Bindi said.

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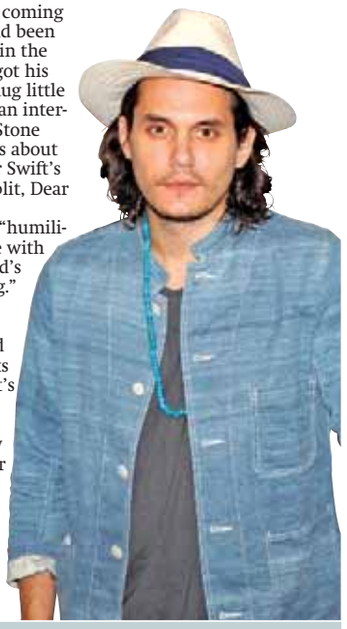
John Mayer is finally humiliated



With a new album coming out, John Mayer had been trying to play nice in the media — but he's got his foot back in his smug little mouth again after an interview with Rolling Stone in which he whines about ex-girlfriend Taylor Swift's song about their split, Dear John.

He calls the hit "humiliating," taking issue with the then 20-year-old's "cheap songwriting." "It's abusing your talent to rub your hands together and go, 'Wait till he gets a load of this!' That's bulls—."

Dude: Either un-write Your Body is a Wonderland, or stop talking right now.

Lady Gaga

Elton John wants Gaga to eat more

Elton John is worried about Lady Gaga.

"She is frail, and she doesn't eat when she should, and she's a girl, and it's tougher for a girl," John tells the Guardian in an interview.

"She works really hard. She will be in Denmark one night and Saudi Arabia the next. I know how tiny she is and I do worry about her, yes."

And John, who tapped Gaga to be the godmother to his 1-year-old son, isn't the only one concerned, he says: "I look at Gaga and I think, 'How does she do it?' I talk to her mom and dad about it. They worry."

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Although she's been rocking a sizable diamond on her left hand all spring, yesterday Miley Cyrus confirmed that she's engaged to actor Liam Hemsworth.

"I'm happy to share this news with you all. I feel like all my dreams are coming true," the 19-year-old tweeted yesterday.

The news comes after Cyrus took a break from recording and acting to spend time with Hemsworth, 22, and do uncomfortable interviews about their sex life.

Now, why would a 19-year-old who is not pregnant or struggling with rent money get married?

Good question.

At first, we were worried good old-fashioned love still existed and had been listening this whole time, but it's not quite that simple.

You see, these two met on the set of The Last Song, a 2010 drama based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks — the same Nicholas Sparks who penned the most graphic of emotional girl porn, The Notebook.

At least she fell in rapid zombie love with a cute Australian actor and not the creepy guy sweeping up popcorn.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Summer wedding for Brangelina?

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are going to have a summer wedding, according to E! News.

"Word on the street is that Brad and Angie will make it official late this summer," Ryan Seacrest announced on his radio show, quoting E! News correspondent Ken Baker. Speculation still puts the location of the famous couple's nuptials at their estate in the South of France.

McCarthy's son still misses Jim Carrey

Jenny McCarthy says the hardest part of her split from Jim Carrey has been how attached her autistic son, Evan, had gotten to the actor.

"I've tried to ask (Jim) numerous times (to see Evan), because my son still asks," McCarthy tells Howard Stern in an interview.

"I tell (Evan) that someday you'll cross paths, meet again, (but) it's hard. He's been in therapy. It's a process, he's working on it."

But McCarthy, who lets Evan watch Carrey's films, still thinks breaking up with Carrey was a good idea: "Jim's a dark guy," she says.

Jenny McCarthy

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California-based designer Trina Turk PROVIDED

Banana peels off layers, slips into summer

Republic of Turk.
Fashion's princess of poolside helps brighten up brand

HEATHER BUCHAN
Metro News

Her bold use of colours, graphic patterns and classic silhouettes are favoured by the likes of Hollywood starlets Kristen Bell and Leighton Meester. And this summer the rest of us can add a coveted Trina Turk piece or two to our wardrobes without breaking the bank, thanks to a partnership between the California designer and Banana Republic.

The result is a limited-edition summer capsule collection, made up of nearly 60 pieces (think flirty dresses and printed tunics) embodies the laid back yet chic southern California resort esthetic captured in Turk's design philosophy.

Here, the fashion doyenne shares some sage summer fashion advice:

What colours should women incorporate into their wardrobe to stay on trend this summer?
Summer is an opportunity to lighten up and wear colour. I'm definitely expecting to see orange and turquoise as two of the top colours. I also love the combination black and white prints mixed with bright coloured tops or bottoms.

Sunny silhouettes

"I love mixing drapey fabrication with more tailored pieces."
Designer Trina Turk

What should women who are self-conscious about baring their arms and legs wear during warm weather?
Bringing in a fun printed maxi dress or lightweight blouse in bright colours or a graphic print allows you to celebrate the ease and sophistication of summer with pieces most flattering to your silhouette. The three-quarter sleeve Wren blouse in the Pisces print and the black and white zazzy zebra printed tunic top are done in lightweight fabrics that work well in the heat of summer.

Do you follow any fashion rules? If so, can you share a few?
The most important fashion rule is to figure out the silhouettes that flatter your body type and stick with them. Some trends will be great for you, others not. You don't have to jump on every trend bandwagon that comes along.

If someone could only buy two items from your capsule collection which ones would you recommend and why?
You definitely want to get at least one dress and one accessory piece.

There are six great dresses in a variety of styles, prints and colours. If I had to pick one it would be the one-shoulder "Chai" dress that we did in the blue Coachella print.

My favourite accessory of this collection is the enamel bangle that comes in several great colour combinations.

Top 3

Trina Turk's Summer Essentials

She loves the versatility of a bold printed dress, a bright tailored pair of shorts and breezy blouses.

"They can take you from poolside to cocktail parties to city soirees throughout the summer months," says Turk.

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Fashion Flash

Anchorage, Alaska wins Worst Dressed title

Anchorage residents are apparently not dressing to impress. That's the upshot of Travel and Leisure Magazine's reader poll, which put the residents of Alaska's largest city at the bottom when it comes to being on the top of style. The magazine ran an online poll asking readers to rank 35 American cities on such things as best nightlife, best burgers, best New Year's Eve celebrations, etc. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the Web

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Joel Bedford
Photographer
Age: 34

What he's wearing:
ASOS sunglasses, Gap chambray shirt, Obey black jeans

His inspiration:
"I really like Ryan Gosling's style, so I guess my style is a bit inspired by that. This morning, I woke up late, that's my inspiration behind this outfit: panic."

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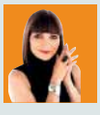

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@Jeanne_Beker: The Royals certainly turned up the style volume for the Jubilee festivities this week. Do YOU find the royal family inspiring?

@EmaSuvajacPhoto
I'm all about Kate! She's gorgeous and stylish but not over the top

@Bradinator
No, I find the royals to be an expensive reminders of a bankrupt political system.

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Add some Mexican-flavoured gobble gobble to your tacos

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H.O

A classic Mexican spice mix of cumin, oregano and chili is combined in a paste and used to coat the turkey before it goes on the grill. Topped with a crunchy, tangy slaw, these tacos taste like the kind you would find in taquerias.

1. In a resealable bag, combine cumin, oregano, chili powder, salt, olive oil and cilantro, rubbing to make a paste. Add turkey fillets and shake to thoroughly coat turkey. Let sit for 30 minutes or up to 1 day.

2. In another bag, combine red onion, carrots, jalapenos, vinegar, sugar and salt. Let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes, tossing occasionally.

3. Grill turkey over medium-high heat until browned and cooked through, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes before slicing.

4. Toss carrot mixture with cabbage. Divide turkey and cabbage among warmed grilled tortillas. Garnish with cilantro and avocado and serve with lime wedges and coarse salt. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ MAKEITSUPER.CA/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients

- 5 ml (1 tsp) each ground cumin, oregano and chili powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) sea salt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) freshly chopped cilantro
- 500 g (1 lb) boneless skinless turkey fillets
- 1/2 small red onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 jalapenos, sliced (ribs and seeds removed)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 500 ml (2 cups) shredded cabbage
- 8 flour tortillas (15 cm/6 inches diameter)
- Garnishes: cilantro sprigs, lime wedges, avocado slices

Chicken Barley Risotto. This delicious dish is ready in mere minutes

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook bacon until very crispy. Remove bacon and set aside.

2. Add chicken and mushrooms. Cook and stir until browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in bacon, soup, beef broth, tomatoes and barley and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer until barley is tender, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes. **CAMPBELL'S/ THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon, cut into small pieces
- 375 g (3/4 lb) boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
- 12 mushrooms, quartered
- 1 can (284 ml/10 oz) low-fat cream of celery soup
- 425 ml (1 3/4 cups) low-salt beef broth
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- 250 ml (1 cup) pot barley

Turkey, Asparagus & Shiitake Sauté. A zesty dinner

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

1. In a bowl, combine turkey with baking soda, cornstarch and soy sauce. Stir to ensure all the turkey is coated. Let sit for 10 minutes.

2. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and brown turkey pieces. Transfer to plate. Stir garlic chili sauce into the same skillet until fragrant, 30 seconds. Stir in ginger for 30 seconds. Add onion and cook until softened, 3 mins. Add mushrooms, stirring often, until golden and lightly softened, about 2 minutes.

3. Pour in broth, scraping any brown bits from pan. Add asparagus, turkey with any accumulated juices and hoisin; stir to combine. Cover, reduce heat to simmer and cook for 3 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink inside, asparagus is tender crisp and the sauce has slightly thickened. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ MAKEITSUPE.CA/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless turkey breast, cut into strips
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking soda
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cornstarch
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vegetable or canola oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) garlic chili sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated fresh peeled ginger root
- 1 onion, sliced
- 500 ml (2 cups) sliced shiitake mushroom caps (without the stems)
- 250 ml (1 cup) turkey broth
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped asparagus
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Markham's newest address is a low-rise fusion of traditional touches and sleek architectural design. Featuring only six storeys and 186 units, it is slated for occupancy in April 2014. With thoughtful amenities and landscaped rooftop gardens, the beautiful interiors are designed perfectly for your lifestyle.

Location and transit

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Building amenities

Featuring a fully-equipped fitness centre with aerobic and weight training areas, a golf simulator, party room with lounge area, a rooftop patio with barbecue station, and a screening room with lounge and large format video. Monthly maintenance fees $0.48 per sq. ft.

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Reaching new heights at the waterfront

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I knew that the bottom of the Bayview extension was under construction, but since the Don Valley Parkway was closed for a charity ride last weekend, I thought it might be a good alternative route to get me close to downtown.

As it turned out, the road has reopened and now takes you all the way down, under Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue to a newly-paved road that curves north and connects the up-and-coming waterfront neighbourhoods to King Street East.

The new road wraps around a new residential development — in fact, it was the first private sector development project announced in the West Don Lands precinct along Toronto's waterfront.

It's called River City, developed by BILD member Urban Capital Property Group, and will bring five buildings with more than 900 loft-style condominium and townhouse units to the area, in addition to stores and restaurants to be built out in four phases. During my drive-by I could see that the first phase is well underway and it's looking great.

When people start moving in, the new road will serve an important function. It will connect the new waterfront residents to the streetcar line on King Street and to nearby neighbourhoods like Corktown and Riverdale.

The connection will also serve the new residents of the Canary District, a master-planned neighbourhood just west at Front Street East and Cherry Street.

Adding student housing and affordable units to the mix in the West Don Lands precinct, the Canary District project by BILD members Dundee Realty Corporation and Kilmer Van Nostrand Co. Ltd. will first house athletes competing at the 2015 Pan American Games and then eventually house thousands of future waterfront residents.

Development will breathe new life into these waterfront neighbourhoods and with the newly-constructed road network, they will be well-connected to the rest of the city.

What's hot in condos this week

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1. Birkdale

Grand opening

Check out the new executive townhomes at 1051 Ellesmere Rd. in Scarborough. June 9. Doors open at 11 a.m. Call 416-495-3526 or visit monarchgroup.net.

2. Clarkson Village

Open house

Clarkson Village condo: two beds, one bath. Don't miss the open house at 2001 Bonnymede Dr., June 9 - 10 from 2 - 4 p.m. Call 416-218-8800.

3. West side, baby

King of the castle

King West condo: one + one beds, one bath. Check out the open house at 393 King St. W., June 9 - 10 from 2 - 4 p.m. Call 416-322-8000.

4. Life's a beach

Casa grande

Huge Beaches townhouse: three beds, two baths. Head over to the open house at 16 Balmy Ave., June 9 - 10 from 2 - 4 p.m. Call 416-762-8255.

Candice Tells All: Celeb designer tips for condos

Condo trends. Small spaces, lighting dilemmas and renos — Candice Olson has got you covered

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When it comes to condo design, Candice knows all and tells all.

Each week on Candice Tells All, designer and host Candice Olson brings her design experience and infectious personality into over 115 million North American households on W Network in Canada and HGTV in the US.

This show is not for the faint of heart, as Candice says, "I say to people when we're first meeting with them, the process of renovation and doing these spaces, no matter how big or small, it's an upheaval in your life. Then we film the whole thing, so it's a very intrusive, abusive process."

Metro spoke with Candice about her ideas for fabulous condo makeovers in smaller spaces.

"When we're dealing with smaller spaces like condos, we really look for furniture that just doesn't do one thing; furniture that is multipurpose and multifunctional. We just finished a couple of condo projects where we incorporated some fantastic pieces from a local company called Resource furniture. A lot of people in a smaller condo, so you don't have a full-blown dining room nor do you really want it."

But for those of you who would like to do a sit-down dinner every so often, "Resource has a fantastic table, it's only 16 inches deep, it's a console table, so you can have it as your entry hall table and then it pulls apart with this telescoping feature to expand to seat almost 10 people."

And speaking of small condos, people tend to think that dark colours make the space look small. "It's a little bit of a misconception" says Candice. "It's kind of a cop-out where they just go for white, white, white, everywhere." It's not so much the colour that makes the space seem small, it's the contrast, she says.

Darker colours add a feeling of real coziness to smaller spaces, as they ease up on the contrast. "The adjacent colours need to be colours that relate as far as contrast value. One-colour value schemes really do well. It could be really dark and deep and dramatic but if you keep all of those colours in the same value without having that contrast, you get that feeling of spaciousness."

And no-go on incandescent lighting, which is being phased out of the marketplace anyway. "I've never been a fan actually of incandescent lighting so I'm not shedding a tear about it going." Because incandescent lighting has a yellow hue to it, it can taint your colour scheme.

"I'm a big fan of halogen lighting. Probably the best hundred bucks a condo owner can spend is to take that junction box in the middle of the room, go to Home Depot and get yourself an eight-foot-long track fixture that will accommodate four to five halogen track heads. Instantly you have a halogen light source which is a white light which renders colour as true. That white light, it pulls out the sparkle, the sheen and shimmer. If you've got polished chrome, it makes it sparkle."

Make your patio a continuation of the inside of your unit says Candice. "We just finished a fantastic project at the Toy Factory lofts with this beautiful patio that was really a good chunk of square footage. We took what we did in the interior spaces as far as finishes and colours and we continued that tone, that colour out onto the patio."

The nitty-gritty

- **Candice Tells All.** Show airs Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. ET/PT on the W Network.

"The new show is the good, the bad and the ugly of the interior design world. We delve into the dark, dingy and dirty side of it, we do a lot of big renovation work," says Candice Olson, host of Candice Tells All. BRANDON BARRÉ

Think big

"If you have little space, that space that you have, you have to use it really smartly. There isn't an opportunity for wasted space. You can't just do one thing." Designer Candice Olson

Probate

Power to sell

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Q. Our mother passed away last fall and my brothers and I have been fixing up her house to get it ready for sale. I went to a lawyer to talk about the selling process and was informed that we needed probate and to have a Court appointed executor in order to sell the property. Does this mean we can't list the property for sale? The lawyer says it can take several weeks to get an executor appointed even though I am named as the executor in the will.

A. In order to sell a property in a Land Titles system, you need to have a Court appointed executor to sign all of the paperwork transferring the title to a new owner. This process of obtaining this official executor is sometimes referred to as probate.

However, if the person dies with a will naming an individual to be appointed the executor, he or she can go ahead and list the property for sale and sign the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

It should be noted that the application process should be well underway in order to meet the closing deadline which is usually 60 to 90 days. In certain circumstances, if you have a firm closing date, your lawyer can apply to the Courts to have the appointment expedited but there is no guarantee the Court will do this. The way around this is to put a clause in the offer allowing for the extension of the closing date if the executor has not been appointed in time.

Of course, the best solution would have been to process the application for probate last fall and all of this worry would be for nothing. However, hindsight is 20/20.

Roughing it

Doing dishes at the cottage

CHARLES THE BUTLER
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Dear Charles the butler,
With the summer months now here, my family and I will be spending most weekends up at our cottage. One thing that always comes up is the dishes; specifically, how I can wash them with our limited hot water supply and a very small kitchen!
Signed,
Bob (weekend dish warrior)

Hello Bob,
Let's keep things simple, because ultimately, you're at the cottage to relax.
1. Fill a plastic tub with hot water and a good dose of dish soap and put it on the counter.
2. As dishes are used at the dinner table, scrap off the excess food and put the dish into the hot, soapy water. Let them sit for at least 15 to 20 minutes, or at least until the end of the meal.
3. With a clean dishcloth, wash the dishes and rinse them under cool, clean water in the sink, then put them on a rubberized drying rack so you don't chip or scratch the dishes.
4. Alternatively, you can have a helper wipe the dishes dry with a clean dishtowel. This method works no mater where you are this summer, whether you're at the cottage or a campsite.

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The colour you choose for your front door can tell people a lot about you. Best purple: Wine Country Frost OR-473, Benjamin Moore. ORIGINSPAINT.CA

Painted personalities

Decor ideas. Ever wonder what message the colour of your front door sends?

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Colour is a powerful way to send messages, whether on the clothing we wear, the furnishings and decor we choose or the colour we paint our front door. Since that entranceway is the welcome entry into our homes, choosing the right colour is a way to welcome company and to tell people a little bit about ourselves.

With that in mind, here's a few trending colours, what they say about you and where you should live if you like a particular colour.

Red
Gives a punch that says you have energy, passion and presence. A great colour to ward off potential break-ins, but not so great in a quiet, gated community.

Best red: Rich Burgundy OR-186

Orange
You are not extravagant and rather frugal. You are an attention seeker but a very warm and exciting person. Great for a community/neighbourhood counsellor or leader.

Black
Likely, you are serious, traditional and strong; someone with substance lives inside your house. But black can also mean mourning, old and death. It's the perfect colour for downtown or stately living.

Green
You are a promoter of good health and good luck, but green can also mean jealousy. Great for young families as it also indicates fertility and stress-free living. Good colour for a farm or country house.

Brown
You like isolation and privacy when you're home. It also indicates you are reliable. Brown is a great colour for living in a high-density townhouse or a condo.

Best green: Velvet Moss OR-338

Yellow
You are cautious and careful. But yellow can also stir anger and frustration as it fatigues the eye due to the amount of light it reflects. It's great for family homes with young school children.

Purple
You are the emotional type. Wealth, wisdom, exotic and artificial are other words that describe the colour purple. Good for an older person.

Blue
You are secure, safe and trustworthy. Blue can evoke sadness and aloofness and is the colour of weight loss. Good colour for a single person looking for a mate.

DRAWING FROM THE COLOUR PALETTE FROM ORIGINS BY BENJAMIN MOORE (ORIGINSPAINT.CA), HERE'S A FEW OF THE BEST COLOURS TO PAINT THE FRONT DOOR:

Best blue: Blue Hibiscus OR-413

Open to change

How to pick the perfect front-door colour

Look at the body of your house and its colour overall. Is it ruddy-brown, orange-brick, beige or grey? Your front door should be an opposite colour in order to stand out and look special. For instance, if your house is an orange-brown brick then choose a green colour for your front door. The brighter or duller the brick colour the brighter or duller the green will be.

Three things to consider:

1. The garage door, siding or window trims are never painted the same colour as the front door.
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3. Painting the inside of your front door the same as the outside will add a punch of style to your foyer.

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A record number of female buyers are entering the real estate market because they either want more space, or would like to relocate closer to their work, school or family.

A poll recently conducted by Ipsos-Reid, **found that single women between the ages of 20 to 45, who have purchased a home as an individual rather than jointly, are financially independent and well educated.** Of the women surveyed, 71 per cent advised buying a home was a good investment because they did not want to rent anymore and had a strong desire to get into the housing market.

Sub: More women than men are becoming first time homebuyers.

"Women have excellent careers and are increasingly becoming financially independent. "We want to buy homes and build equity", according to Alda Neves Dubé Director of Sales and Marketing for Intercity Realty Inc., Brokerage.

"Single women prefer to purchase 2 bedroom condos in the city over suburban areas and might compromise on size and cost to get some of the luxurious features such as upgraded kitchens, floors and baths", Dubé adds.

Patios and terraces are huge draws for female purchasers. They enjoy outdoor spaces that can accommodate box garden beds, summertime eating nooks and evening entertainment areas.

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Alda points out that the 24/7 concierge and peace of mind security offered in most condominiums is very important to single women. As well, many condominiums offer state of the art fitness facilities, yoga studios and host social activities. Women enjoy the social interaction with neighbours, party rooms for entertaining, rooftop terraces for lounging and spa spaces.

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Sabrina shares a few of her stylish tricks

Decor diva. HGTV star Sabrina Soto helps readers take their homes from 'being OK to absolutely fabulous'

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Even if your design aesthetic currently means your college futon coexists with your great aunt's coffee table, there are ways to pull a room together stylishly.

Just ask HGTV star Sabrina Soto, whose new book, Home Design, gives the low-down on layering to get a room's flavour just right. Here, she walks through the finishing touches that give any space extra pizzazz.

The right accent pieces

"I think accessorizing can take

a room from being OK to absolutely fabulous," Soto says. "It's about making the right decisions when accessorizing. You want pops of colour, you want different textures, you want interesting pieces that tell your story, but you don't want to overdo it."

Her two rules for polishing a room like a pro?

"I always like to accessorize in odd numbers, and I never like to use things smaller than a grapefruit. I think too many little knickknacks become clutter."

The right lighting

Soto says it's the most important aspect of design — and sorry: overhead bulbs aren't gonna cut it. She suggests "two, maybe even three, artificial forms of light per room," even in small rooms.

"Lighting really does make or break a room, whether it's a sconce, chandelier, recess lighting, even table lamps. You want to have enough light in a room to balance a space."

The right fabrics

This covers everything from your window treatments to your couch's upholstery to the pillows on top of it. Find a balance, Soto suggests, and feel free to ditch the matchy-matchy look.

"It's about mixing up prints but making sure that at the end of the day they still tell a nice story," she says. And yes, you can mix prints!

"There's no specific rules, but you just want to make sure that the colours play well with each other. If you have two prints next to each other, you still want them still to have the same shades of colours. It's like clothes."

To work around a clunky radiator

"Put a floating shelf on top of it and use it as a table. You could get a floating shelf at Ikea or Target for nothing. And I usually like to have it blend in with the wall, so I'll paint it the exact same colour, but you just want to make sure to use high-heat paint."

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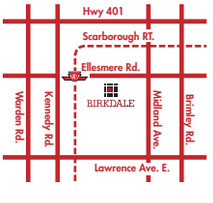

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Try to avoid letting dust get to this stage. ISTOCK IMAGES

Has the dust already settled? A few tips for showing it out

A clean casa. Fighting dust is about more than esthetics — some tips for taking control

Once a week, Diane Foernssler takes arms against the dust that invades her Darien, Ill., home, using everything from the vacuum cleaner to a special mop for blinds and baseboards.

On those other six days, however, the dust wins.

"It's everywhere and it never goes away," says Foernssler, a fitness trainer and mother of two. "It's a losing battle."

Unfortunately, she's right.

Experts say dust's constant accumulation on all those books, clothes and knickknacks has nothing to do with poor housekeeping. It's a naturally and continually forming collection of some pretty gross stuff.

"It has nothing to do with being dirty," says Dr. William Berger, a Mission Viejo, Calif., allergist and author of Asthma and Allergies for Dummies.

A never-ending battle

"We do everything. But you'll never get rid of dust."

Jack DiBiccari, a New Rochelle, N.Y., contractor

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Simple tile-ish pleasures

Shiny and pretty. With so many options, the toughest thing about tile is deciding which one to use

Choosing tile for your home once meant picking from among a handful of pastel ceramic squares. Would it be dusty pink or dusty blue? If you were feeling bold, maybe mint green or pale yellow?

Today, we're surrounded — some might say overwhelmed — by choices.

Porcelain tile is now made to realistically look like everything from aged wood and rough fieldstones to sleek Italian marble. Tiles made of glass, cork, mirror and even leather are taking the place of traditional ceramics. In all shapes and sizes, they are being used not just in kitchens and baths, but also in entryways, mudrooms and more.

High style can be had for an increasingly reasonable cost, with mass-market retailers offering trendy glass tile for as little as a few dollars per square foot.

Don't do-it-yourself

Even the highest quality tile will look unattractive if it's been installed incorrectly. And demolition and tile cutting can be dangerous.

Amid all these possibilities, the biggest challenge is to choose something you'll continue loving for a decade or more.

"There's so much decorative tile out there now," says Matthew Quinn, principal of Design Galleria Kitchen and Bath Studio in Atlanta. But "some of it," he says, "you can just tell in three or four years this is not something you're going to want to see every day."

Here, Quinn and interior designers Brian Patrick Flynn and Mallory Mathison share ideas on embracing tile's new possibilities while still creating a timeless effect.

Be sure to go with something you'll love for many years. ISTOCK IMAGES

and come back and there will be dust."

A whole lot of it. According to Berger, the average six-room home in the United States collects 40 pounds of dust each year.

The main contributors to all that indoor dust are microscopic dust mites; the breakdown of fibres from household fabrics and furniture; and human and animal dander (the nice name for skin flakes).

The dust mites, which have a taste for human skin, come in "countless numbers" in your bedding alone, let alone other spots around the house, Berger said. Getting rid of them is impossible; Females lay 20 to 50 eggs every three weeks.

Dust and dust mites are a large part of "indoor air pollution," a leading environmental health risk — primarily because people spend about 90 per cent of their time indoors, according to Molly Hooven, a spokeswoman for the Environmental Protection Agency. Dust and dust mites can trigger asthma attacks and allergies.

There are, therefore, reasons for keeping dust to a minimum that are far more important than maintaining appearances, the spokesperson says.

So while eradicating dust altogether may be a pipe dream, there are steps you can take to mitigate its accumulation in your home (see fact box on the right). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Motivation to clean: A house dust mite as seen with an electron microscope, enlarged about 200 times. MISSION: ALLERGY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dust off your cleaning routine

Some steps to mitigate dust accumulation in your home:

- **Get rid of all that stuff.** "The more clutter there is the more dust there is," Berger says. Things like books, clothing and toys such as stuffed animals are prime collectors of dust, he says.
- **Focus on bedrooms.** "The bedroom should be as bare as possible," Berger says. That means having an uncarpeted floor, minimal furniture and only the current season's clothes in the closet. Encase mattresses, box springs and pillows in allergy-proof covers.
- **For walls.** Use paint that can be cleaned with water. Go for HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Arresting) air filters. A vacuum and a can of Endust give at least temporary relief, Berger says.
- **Keep cool.** Berger recommends air conditioning over fans, which simply blow dust around. (Remember to change air-conditioner filters.)

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Floor to ceiling

All three designers are fans of using tile all the way up to the ceiling, rather than the more old-fashioned approach of doing partial tile walls with a snub-nosed edge.

"It makes the entire room more cohesive, and it can also give the illusion that a space is larger than it actually is," says Flynn.

"One of the easiest ways to shrink a room visually is by chopping it up; many times, for me, tile used in just one area quickly chops up a space."

Flynn has done kitchen walls in floor-to-ceiling tile, and Mathison recommends tiling a single wall from top to bottom in an entryway for a striking effect.

"You think of tile more in utilitarian applications," she says, "but it can be a beautiful accent." A full wall of tortoiseshell mosaic tile, she says, feels "almost like your whole wall is covered in jewelry."

Beyond ceramics

Flynn loves using tiles made of "unexpected materials, such as leather, cork and wood. Leather tiles can be used on walls and ceilings, but in lower-traffic areas. Cork is a dream because it helps soundproof a space, plus it offers a really warm, organic texture instead of the sleek ceramic surfaces we're used to seeing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What tile screams your name? ISTOCK IMAGES

Glass tile is en vogue

- **Translucent.** Mathison sometimes uses it in smaller bathrooms: "Your eye kind of looks through it, so it doesn't create a boundary," she says. "It's an almost limitless look" that can make a small shower area feel larger.
- **Try this.** One fresh option is "using extra-large, extra-wide, back-painted glass panels on walls," rather than small glass tiles, "to bring contemporary architectural interest into a space."

4 SPORTS

Hockey

"(Vladimir) was such a dependable and steadfast man that I would have gone anywhere with him — to war, to espionage, into peril. There are fewer and fewer guys like him in every generation of hockey players."

Russian Hockey Federation president and former Soviet goaltender Vladislav Tretiak speaking about Vladimir Krutov to the Sport-Express newspaper. Krutov, one of the Soviet Union's all-time great players and part of the national team's formidable KLM Line, has died at 52. The federation said Krutov died Wednesday. It did not give a cause of death, but the ITAR-Tass news agency said he had been taken to a hospital several days earlier for stomach bleeding.

MLB

Rivera hopes to return in 2013

Yankees closer Mariano Rivera says the blood clot in his right calf has cleared up and he will have surgery on the torn ACL and damaged meniscus in his knee June 12. He said Wednesday he should be ready to play at the beginning of next season.

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On the web

Brian McNamee, Roger Clemens' former strength coach, testified in Clemens' perjury trial last month that because of his wife's nagging, he brought medical waste from a steroids injection of Clemens home in 2001. But Eileen McNamee testified Wednesday that her estranged husband said he was saving things for his "protection." Scan the code for the story.

New Jersey's Patrik Elias scores Game 4's first goal on Wednesday in Los Angeles. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Devils refuse to bow out of final without a fight

NHL. New Jersey pushes back to avoid sweep and spoil Los Angeles's Stanley Cup party at Staples Center

Game 4

Devils	Kings
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By the numbers

43

The resilient Devils wouldn't be denied in Game 4 and kept alive a streak of 43 straight playoff series in which the franchise has never been swept.

Put the coronation on hold.

The Los Angeles Kings will have to wait at least three more days for another shot at becoming true hockey royalty after Adam Henrique kept New Jersey alive in the Stanley Cup final. His late goal secured a 3-1 victory for the Devils in Game 4 on Wednesday.

The New Jersey rookie, who scored in overtime to end the Eastern Conference final, showed poise in kicking the puck up to his stick before beating Jonathan Quick high at 15:29 of the third period.

That forced cup keepers Phil Pritchard and Craig Campbell to put the trophy back in its case. Game 5 of the final goes Saturday at Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

"We finally got rewarded," said Devils coach Peter DeBoer. "Like I said, I've liked our game and our effort the last three games. We just haven't found a way to win until tonight. So hopefully that gets the ball rolling."

Until the late winner, this series had the feel of a sweep. Fans came ready to celebrate what would have been the first championship for the Kings in their 45-year history and there was every reason to believe they'd deliver after methodically storming through the playoffs.

"They believe," DeBoer said of his players. "They're in the fight, they've got a lot of pride.... Like I said, we've been in adverse spots before where we played two or three games and haven't got rewarded because of hot goaltending or we've taken too many penalties, and we know we've just got to stick with it and it'll turn. And it did tonight."

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MLB

Morrow gets third shutout of season

Brandon Morrow pitched a two-hitter for his third shutout of the season, and Jose Bautista and Rajai Davis homered Wednesday night as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Chicago White Sox 4-0.

Morrow (7-3) allowed singles in the second and the eighth to A.J. Pierzynski and retired 14 straight at one point. He gave up his only two walks in the ninth, to Adam Dunn and Alejandro De Aza, and struck out five, including Dayan Viciedo to end it.

He showed no effects from his right shin, which was bruised right in his last start a week ago. In that game, he had to be helped off the field in the seventh inning after being hit by a line drive off the bat of Baltimore's Wilson Betemit.

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Brandon Morrow in Chicago Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Thunder take out Spurs in Game 6 to earn spot in finals

Kevin Durant had 34 points and 14 rebounds while playing all 48 minutes of regulation for the first time all season, and the Oklahoma City Thunder claimed a spot in the NBA finals by beating the San Antonio Spurs 107-99 on Wednesday night.

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Sharapova loving life at French Open

Maria Sharapova celebrates her victory at Roland Garros on Wednesday.
MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Whether she's enjoying a café lunch, shopping on the Champs-Elysées or notching another victory on the soft red clay, Maria Sharapova sure enjoys these trips to the French Open.

"What girl doesn't love Paris?" she said.

Two more wins and she'll love it even more.

Sharapova moved another step closer to filling in the last piece of the career Grand Slam, defeating Kaia Kanepi 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday to reach the semifinals at Roland Garros.

The second-seeded Sharapova rolled through her 23rd-seeded opponent in 74 minutes.

"I'm happy with the way I improved in this match," Sharapova said.

Her next opponent will be No. 4 seed Petra Kvitova, the Wimbledon champion who ended 142nd-ranked Yaroslava Shvedova's upset-filled run with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory. Sharapova leads their all-time series 3-2. Kvitova beat Sharapova in last year's Wimbledon final, while Sharapova won the most recent match earlier this year.

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French Open Wednesday

Sixth-seeded David Ferrer beat No. 4 Andy Murray 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2 to reach the French Open semifinals for the first time.

- Ferrer will face six-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal in an all-Spanish semifinal Friday.
- Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer meet in the other men's semifinal.

Euro 2012 players told to 'go out and entertain us'

Spain's Juan Mata kicks the ball near fellow teammates during a training session Wednesday in Gniewino, Poland. ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer. UEFA president hopes scrutiny can finally shift from host nations to the matches on field

Now, finally, UEFA President Michel Platini wants the players to take centre stage when the European Championship kicks off on Friday.

Soccer has almost been ignored during a turbulent five years for Poland and Ukraine as they sought to vindicate UEFA's decision to take its showpiece 16-nation tournament to eastern Europe.

Now the former France great, who captained and coached his country, wants the teams to seize the headlines.

"I say to the players, 'Go out and entertain us,'" Platini said on Wednesday. He spoke at the National Stadium in Warsaw — one of many rebuilding projects delivered behind schedule — where Poland will open Euro 2012 against 2004 champion Greece.

"What I would like now after (five) years of work, is to be able to calmly watch the games, to give the ball over to the players and let them get on with it," said Platini, who lifted the trophy in 1984.

The potential storylines are rich and deep for arguably the best international tournament.

Can World Cup winner Spain become the first nation to successfully defend its European title, and further define an era of Barcelona-inspired greatness?

Will a still-young Germany team overcome the Spain-shaped obstacle which keeps blocking its title runs?

Can the Netherlands rediscover its "Total Football" roots and reconnect with neutral fans dismayed by its negative, aggressive tactics that marred the 2010 World Cup final loss to Spain.

Platini echoes the popular wisdom that two favourites stand above the rest.

"These are Germany and Spain if they play at 100 per cent of their level," Platini told reporters. "If they don't, there are a lot of teams which can beat them." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Racism response

- Platini promised that referees will stop European Championship matches if players suffer abuse from fans, as questions on racism in Poland and Ukraine dominated a news conference Wednesday to launch the tournament.
- Platini said UEFA has empowered referees to "temporarily stop the game and finally cancel the game if this racism keeps rearing its head."

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World Cup

Canada enters historically tough qualifying phase

As one of the veterans of Canada's men's soccer team, Dwayne De Rosario would obviously love to play in a World Cup before he calls it a career.

The 34-year-old from Toronto spoke of not letting an opportunity slip away two days before Canada opens its next phase of qualifying at Cuba.

"You never know when it will be your last chance," De Rosario said at BMO Field on Wednesday.

The 77th-ranked Canadians play No. 145 Cuba in Havana on Friday. Canada failed to survive this stage for the 2010 cup after picking up just two of nine possible points at home and losing all three games on the road. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dwayne De Rosario
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NBA. James faces familiar scenario against Boston

Quoted

"I know how much pain this team has given me over the years."

LeBron James on the Boston Celtics

LeBron James appreciates the irony.

Matching up against the Boston Celtics, on the road, with the season on the line. He faced it in 2008 and lost. He faced it in 2010 and lost, removing his Cleveland Cavaliers jersey for the final time as he left the floor that night.

And now in a championship-or-bust season for the Miami Heat, James heads back to Boston for another win-or-else game.

"It is fitting," James said.

The Celtics lead the Heat 3-2 in the Eastern Conference finals, and on Thursday night will look to clinch a third trip in five years to the NBA finals. If they succeed in Game 6 — or Game 7, if it comes to that — all three of those most recent Boston trips to the title round would come at James' expense.

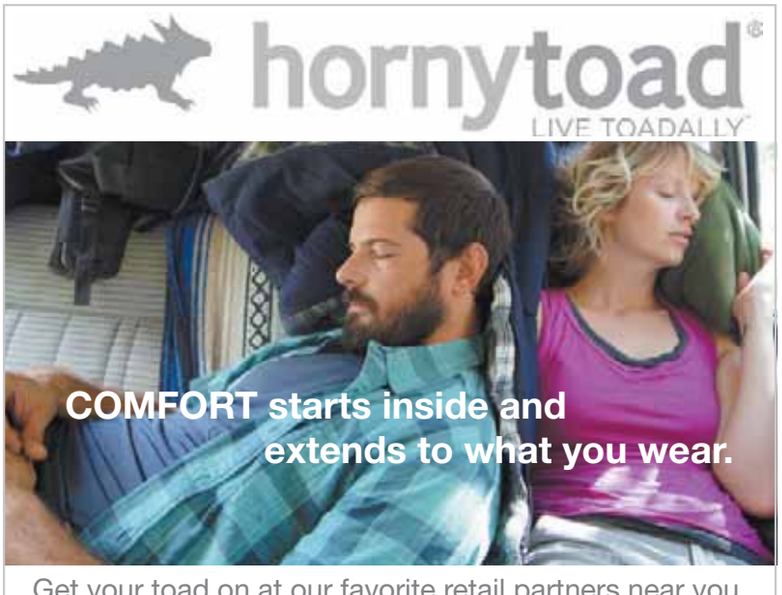
His first five games at Boston resulted in three wins. His 19 games there since have also resulted in three wins.

No team, maybe no other building, has befuddled James as much as the Celtics and the arena they call home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bosh ready for more?

Chris Bosh returned for Game 5 on Tuesday after missing nine playoff games with an abdominal strain. He had nine points and seven rebounds in 14-plus minutes but was not on the floor down the stretch when the Celtics came back to win 94-90.

- Bosh said Wednesday that he is "99 per cent" and that he did not ask to be held out in the fourth quarter in Game 4.
- "I think he'll be able to handle a bigger load of minutes," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said of Game 6.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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	32	24	.571	—
New York	31	24	.564	½
Tampa Bay	31	25	.554	1
Toronto	29	26	.527	2½
Boston	28	28	.500	4

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	31	24	.564	—
Cleveland	30	25	.545	1
Detroit	25	31	.446	6½
Kansas City	24	30	.444	6½
Minnesota	21	34	.382	10

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	33	23	.589	—
Los Angeles	29	28	.509	4½
Seattle	25	33	.431	9
Oakland	24	32	.429	9

Last night's results
Baltimore 2 Boston 1
Cleveland 9 Detroit 6
N.Y. Yankees 4 Tampa Bay 1
Minnesota at Kansas City
Toronto at Chicago White Sox
Seattle at L.A. Angels
Texas at Oakland
Tuesday's results
Toronto 9 Chicago White Sox 5
Baltimore 8 Boston 6 (10 innings)
Cleveland 4 Detroit 2
Kansas City 1 Minnesota 0
L.A. Angels 6 Seattle 1
N.Y. Yankees 7 Tampa Bay 0
Texas 6 Oakland 3
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Cleveland (D.Lowe 7-3) at Detroit (Crosby 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 7-3) at Oakland (McCarthy 4-3), 3:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 7-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Matusz 5-5) at Boston (Buchholz 5-2), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (H.Alvarez 3-5) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 6-1), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	32	22	.593	—
Atlanta	31	25	.554	2
Miami	31	25	.554	2
New York	31	26	.544	2½
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	31	24	.564	—
Pittsburgh	28	27	.509	3
St. Louis	28	28	.500	3½
Houston	24	31	.436	7
Milwaukee	24	31	.436	7
Chicago	19	36	.345	12

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	35	21	.625	—
San Francisco	32	25	.561	3½
Arizona	26	30	.464	9
Colorado	24	31	.436	10½
San Diego	19	38	.333	16½

Last night's results
Atlanta 2 Miami 1
Cincinnati 5 Pittsburgh 4
San Francisco 6 San Diego 5
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia
Washington 5 N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis at Houston
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee
Colorado at Arizona
Tuesday's results
Arizona 10 Colorado 0
Atlanta 11 Miami 0
Chicago Cubs 10 Milwaukee 0
Houston 9 St. Louis 8
L.A. Dodgers 2 Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 8 Cincinnati 4
San Diego 6 San Francisco 5
Washington 7 N.Y. Mets 6 (12 innings)
Today's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 4-3) at Philadelphia (Hamels 8-2), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 8-1) at Washington (Wang 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Garza 2-4) at Milwaukee (Wolf 2-5), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (M.Cain 6-2) at San Diego (Marquis 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 2-4) at Miami (Buehrle 5-5), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Correia 2-5) at Cincinnati (Leake 2-5), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 8-2) at Houston (Happ 4-5), 8:05 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY

BLUE JAYS 9, WHITE SOX 5

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	5	3	3	0	De Aza cf	5	1	2	1
Rasms cf	5	4	5	3	Bckhm 2b	3	0	0	0
Bautist rf	3	0	1	2	A.Dunn dh	4	1	1	1
KJhnsn dh	4	0	1	1	Viciedo lf	4	0	0	0
YEscor ss	4	1	1	0	Rios rf	4	1	2	0
Cooper 1b	4	1	1	3	Przyns c	3	1	2	2
Arencii c	5	0	1	0	AlRmrz ss	4	0	0	0
Vizquel 2b	4	0	0	0	OHudsn 3b	3	1	0	0
RDavis lf	4	0	0	0	Lillirdg 1b	4	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**Totals**	**34**	**5**	**7**	**4**

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Chicago	**100**	**000**	**310 — 5**

E—R.Davis (3), Rasmus (2), Lawrie (8). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Toronto 7, Chicago 5. 2B—Lawrie (7), Rasmus (11). HR—Rasmus (7), Cooper (2), A.Dunn (18), Pierzynski (10). S—Beckham. SF—Bautista.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
R.Romero W,7-1	7	6	5	3	1	4
Cordero	1	1	0	0	1	0
L.Perez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Humber L,2-3	5	7	5	5	4	3
Z.Stewart	2 2-3	6	4	3	0	0
Ohman	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1

R.Romero pitched to one batter in the eighth. PB—Pierzynski 2.
T—2:44. A—23,107 (40,615) at Chicago.

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NORFOLK (E1) VS. TORONTO (W2)
(Norfolk leads series 2-0)
Saturday's result
Norfolk 4 Toronto 2
Friday's result
Norfolk 3 Toronto 1
Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
Norfolk at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Norfolk at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Norfolk at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Toronto at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, June 15
x-Toronto at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NEW JERSEY (E6) VS.LOS ANGELES (W8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-0)
Last night's result
New Jersey at Los Angeles
Monday's result
Los Angeles 4 New Jersey 0
Saturday's game — All Times Eastern
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 11
x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kopitar, LA	8	10	18
Kovalchuk, NJ	7	11	18
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	10	17
Kopitar, LA	8	10	18
B.Richards, NYR	6	9	15
Parise, NJ	7	7	14
J.Williams, LA	3	11	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Doughty, LA	3	10	13
Zajac, NJ	7	5	12

Not including last night's game

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Reinstated LHP Zach Britton from the 60-day DL and optioned him to Norfolk (IL). Transferred RHP Stu Pomeranz to the 60-day DL. Signed LHP Jamie Moyer to a minor-league contract and assigned him to Norfolk.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated OF Johnny Damon from the 3-day paternity list. Optioned C Luke Carlin to Columbus (IL). Claimed RHP Chris Schwinden off waivers from Toronto and optioned him to Columbus.
DETROIT TIGERS—Placed C Alex Avila on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of C Bryan Holaday from Toledo (IL). Designated C Omir Santos for assignment. Recalled RHP Jose Ortega from Toledo.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed INF Lyle Overbay on the paternity list. Recalled OF A.J. Pollock from Reno (PCL).
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed RHP Blake Parker on the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Manuel Corpas from Iowa (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS—Optioned INF Mike Costanzo to Louisville (IL). Recalled INF/OF Kristopher Negron from Louisville.
N.Y. METS—Activated OF Jason Bay from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Chris Young on the paternity list. Reinstated RHP Pedro Beato from the 15-day DL. Designated INF Josh Satin for assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated 1B Jim Thome from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Pete Orr to Lehigh Valley (IL).

NHL

EDMONTON OILERS—Agreed to terms with general manager Steve Tambellini on a contract extension.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with executive vice president and general manager Dale Tallon on a multi-year contract extension.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Fired assistant coaches Randy Cunneyworth and Randy Ladouceur.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Jean-Gabriel Pageau to a three-year, entry-level contract.

TENNIS

FRENCH OPEN

At Paris
Yesterday's results
MEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-3.
David Ferrer (6), Spain, def. Andy Murray (4), Britain, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2.
WOMEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Kaia Kanepi (23), Estonia, 6-2, 6-3.
Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Doubles — Semifinals
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (4), Italy, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (12), Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (7), Russia, vs. Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (5), Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-5 (susp., darkness).
JUNIOR BOYS
Singles — Third Round
Filip Peliwo (5), Vancouver, def. Thiago Monteiro, Brazil, 6-3, 6-2.
GIRLS
Singles — Third Round
Anett Kontaveit (12), Estonia, def. **Eugenie Bouchard (7), Westmount, Que.**, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Antonia Lottner, Germany, def. **Francoise Abanda, Montreal**, 2-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3.
Doubles — Second Round
Eugenie Bouchard, Westmount, Que., and Taylor Townsend (1), U.S., def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, and Ipek Soylu, Turkey, 6-4, 6-4.
Francoise Abanda, Montreal, and Sachia Vickery (4), U.S., def. Jennifer Brady and Alexandra Kiick, U.S., 6-4, 7-6 (5).

SOCCER

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

OCEANIA

SECOND ROUND
Yesterday's results
Group A
At Honiara, Solomon Islands
New Zealand 1 Solomon Islands 1
Papua New Guinea 1 Fiji 1

NORTH, CENTRAL AND CARIBBEAN ZONE

All Times Eastern
GROUP A
Tomorrow's games
At Tampa, Fla.
U.S. vs. Antigua and Barbuda, 7:11 p.m.
At Kingston, Jamaica
Jamaica vs. Guatemala, 9:30 p.m.
GROUP B
Tomorrow's games
At Mexico City
Mexico vs. Guyana, 8 p.m.
At San Jose, Costa Rica
Costa Rica vs. El Salvador, 10 p.m.
GROUP C
Tomorrow's games
At Havana
Cuba vs. **Canada**, 2 p.m.
At San Pedro Sula, Honduras
Honduras vs. Panama, 9:30 p.m.

EURO 2012

All Times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A
Tomorrow's games
At Warsaw, Poland
Poland vs. Greece, noon
At Wroclaw, Poland
Russia vs. Czech Republic, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP B
Saturday's games
At Kharkiv, Ukraine
Netherlands vs. Denmark, noon
At Lviv, Ukraine
Germany vs. Portugal, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP C
Sunday's games
At Gdansk, Poland
Spain vs. Italy, noon
At Poznan, Poland
Ireland vs. Croatia, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP D
Monday, June 11
At Donetsk, Ukraine
France vs. England, noon
At Kiev, Ukraine
Ukraine vs. Sweden, 2:45 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C. United	15	8	4	3	28	19	27
New York	13	8	3	2	26	18	26
Kansas City	12	8	3	1	17	10	25
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Chicago	13	5	5	3	15	17	18
Houston	11	4	3	4	12	12	16
New England	13	5	7	1	18	18	16
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	22	14	29
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Seattle	13	7	3	3	16	9	24
Vancouver	12	5	3	4	13	14	19
Colorado	13	6	6	1	20	18	19
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	9	14	15
Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 16
Dallas at Houston, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 17
New York at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Puerto Rico	9	5	2	2	17	7	17
Minnesota	9	4	0	5	14	8	17
San Antonio	9	4	1	4	11	9	16
Fort Lauderdale	10	3	3	4	15	17	13
Tampa Bay	10	3	4	3	11	13	12
Edmonton	9	2	5	2	11	12	8
Carolina	10	1	4	5	13	19	8
Atlanta	10	1	4	5	13	20	8

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Minnesota at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:45 p.m.
Sunday's game
Fort Lauderdale at Edmonton, 4 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
MIAMI (2) VS. BOSTON (4)
(Boston leads series 3-2)
Tuesday's result
Boston 94 Miami 90
Sunday's result
Boston 93 Miami 91 (OT)
Tonight's game
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. OKLAHOMA CITY (2)
(Oklahoma City leads series 3-2)
Last night's result
San Antonio at Oklahoma City
Monday's result
Oklahoma City 108 San Antonio 103
Tomorrow's game
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

LATE TUESDAY

CELTICS 94, HEAT 90

BOSTON (94)
Pierce 6-19 5-5 19, Bass 4-8 2-2 10, Garnett 11-20 4-6 26, Rondo 3-15 1-2 7, Allen 2-9 8-8 13, Stiemsma 1-1 1-2 3, Pietrus 5-8 1-2 13, Dooling 1-1 0-0 3, Daniels 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-81 22-27 94.
MIAMI (90)
James 11-25 6-8 30, Battier 2-4 0-0 5, Haslem 1-5 1-2 3, Chalmers 3-7 2-3 9, Wade 10-22 6-8 27, Bosh 3-8 3-3 9, Miller 1-3 0-0 3, Jones 1-4 1-1 4, Cole 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 32-82 19-25 90.

Boston	16	24	25	29	—94
Miami	24	18	18	30	—90

3-Point Goals—Boston 6-15 (Pietrus 2-4, Pierce 2-5, Dooling 1-1, Allen 1-4, Rondo 0-1), Miami 7-26 (James 2-6, Battier 1-3, Jones 1-3, Miller 1-3, Wade 1-3, Chalmers 1-5, Bosh 0-1, Cole 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 49 (Garnett 11), Miami 60 (Haslem 14). Assists—Boston 19 (Rondo 13), Miami 13 (Chalmers, Wade 3). Total Fouls—Boston 21, Miami 21. Technicals—Bass, Boston defensive three second, Chalmers. A—20,021 (19,600) at Miami.

GOLF

EUROPEAN PGA NORDEA MASTERS

At Stockholm, Sweden
Par 72
First Round

Magnus Carlsson	31-34—65
Richard Bland	33-34—67
Peter Hanson	34-33—67
Matthew Baldwin	33-34—67
Ignacio Garrido	33-34—67
Michael Jonzon	34-34—68
Carlos Del Moral	35-33—68
Emiliano Grillo	37-31—68
Robin Windgardh	35-33—68
Lee Westwood	33-35—68
Daniel Denison	37-31—68
Alejandro Canizares	35-33—68
Andy Sullivan	35-33—68
Sergio Garcia	34-35—69
Bernd Wiesberger	35-34—69
Niclas Fasth	34-35—69
Felipe Aguilar	34-35—69
Pelle Edberg	36-33—69
Jaco van Zyl	36-33—69

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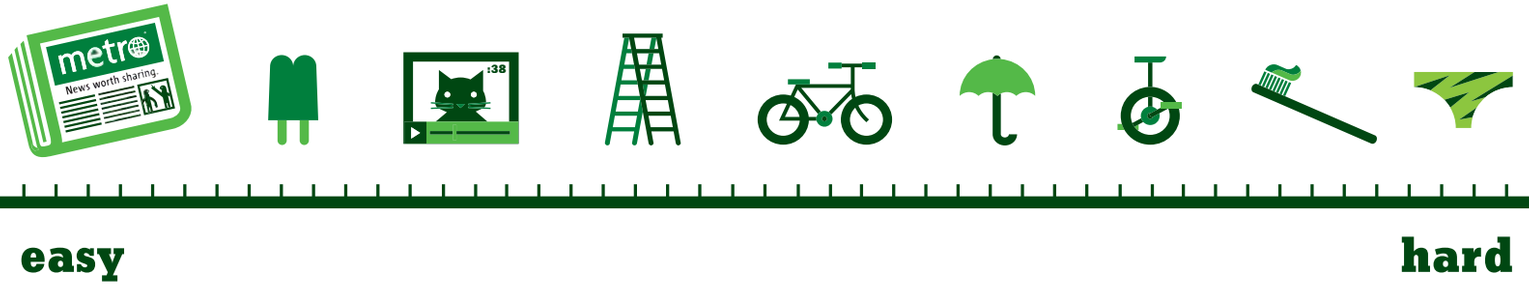
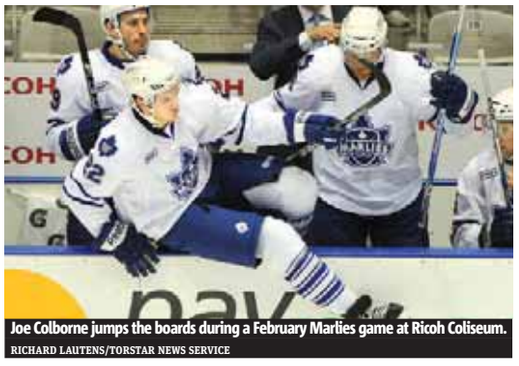


Marlies need Colborne's offence in final



Joe Colborne jumps the boards during a February Marlies game at Ricoh Coliseum.
RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

AHL. Young centre counted on to turn game around with Marlies down 2-0 to Admirals

Joe Colborne would obviously love to put a puck or two in the net for the Marlies on Thursday night — to help his team against a very tough Norfolk squad in the Calder Cup final, and salvage a season short on points but long on lessons.

That the Marlies need better numbers from their six-foot-six centre is clear, but he's not alone. The team is hungry for goals entering Game 3 of the final, in which the powerful Admirals have controlled play for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven.

Colborne has two goals and five assists in 13 playoff games after going goal-less for almost two months at the end of the regular season. More is expected of the big 22-year-old pivot, who was acquired from the Bruins in the Tomas Kaberle trade in February 2011.

Quoted

"A lot of credit to (Norfolk) for getting us off our game."

Marlies centre Joe Colborne on his team's 2-0 deficit in the Calder Cup final.

"One thing about Joe, he's very motivated. I don't have to tell him to work harder," Marlies coach Dallas Eakins said. "With Joe, it's the details of the game."

Eakins, who just signed a three-year contract extension, said he has tried several methods to snap Colborne out of his slump — yelling, hugging, video of Colborne's first five games when he was producing. The bigger challenge, though, is to get his team back into the championship series.

Through Game 2, Norfolk's rock-solid defence has shut down the Marlies' cycle game, outscoring Toronto 7-3 and eroding their confidence.

"They are a well-coached team. They are tight in their own end, so we have to start winning some battles," said Colborne.

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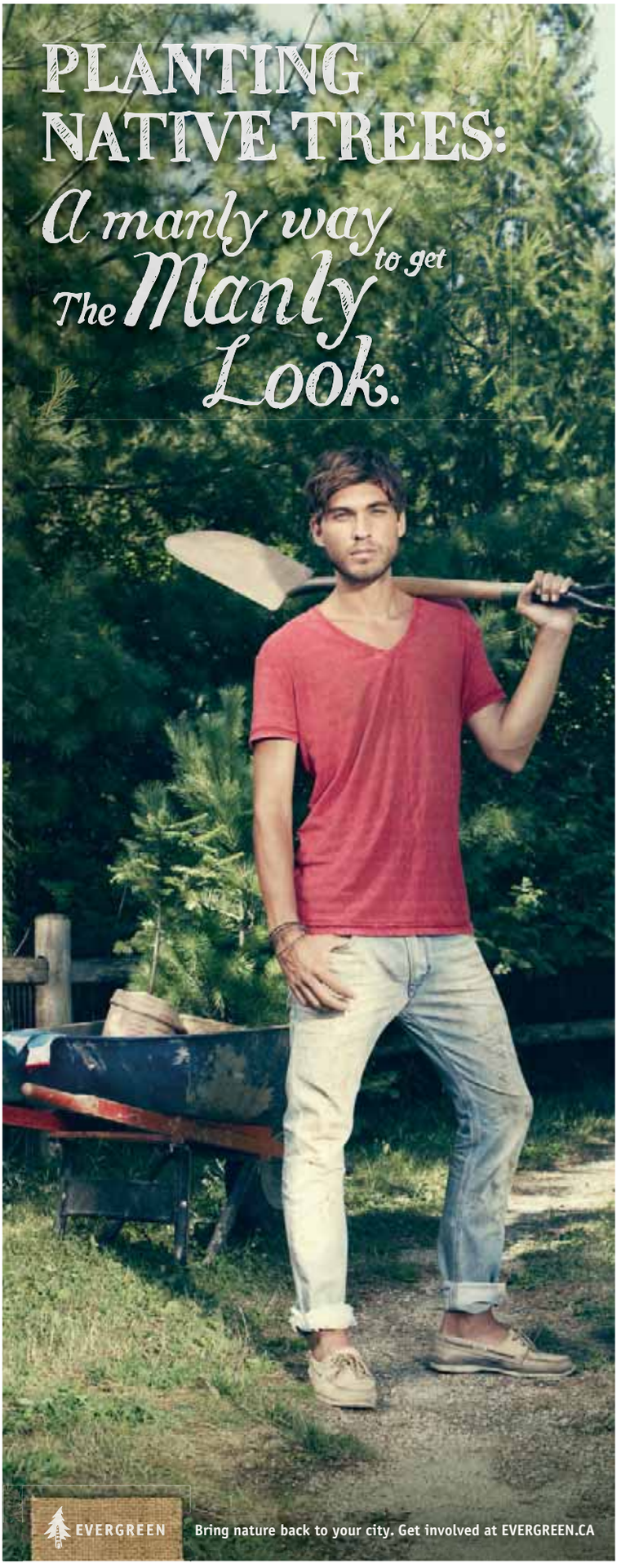
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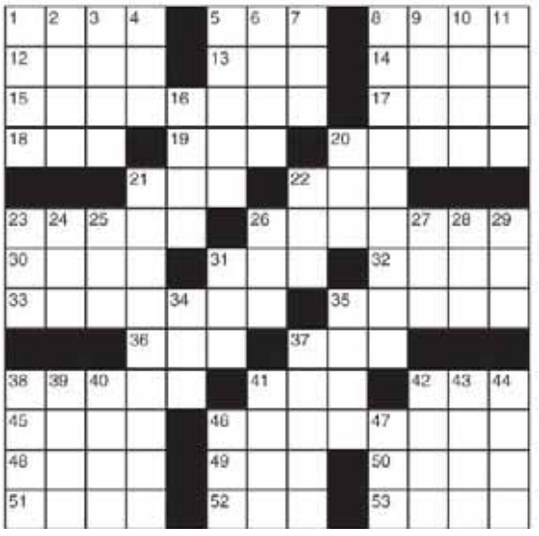
Crossword

Across

1 Cushiony
5 "See ya!"
8 Staffer
12 "The Cosby Show" son
13 "A mouse!"
14 "American —"
15 BB gun
17 Stagger
18 "— voyage!"
19 Wire measure
20 Practices boxing
21 Suitable
22 Greet the villain
23 Lisa Marie's dad
26 Scrap
30 "Cheers" offering
31 Embrace
32 Cattle
33 Overwhelmed with wonder
35 Macho type
36 Eg. and Syr., once
37 Lustrous black
38 Parsley piece
41 Each
42 Obtain
45 Owl's call
46 Cager's attempts that aren't even close
48 Actress Jessica
49 Squid squirt
50 Arizona city
51 No stay-at-home
52 Do brickwork
53 Juror, in theory

Down

1 Impale
2 Columbus' home
3 Flowerless plant
4 Anderson's "High —"
5 Suit
6 Holler
7 Supplement, with "out"
8 Localized downdraft
9 Notion
10 Busy one
11 Right angles
16 Satan's minions
20 Brillo rival
21 Imaginary tool
22 Ginormous
23 Recede
24 Actor McKern
25 Be a couch potato
26 Flop
27 Intention
28 Genetics abbr.
29 Lair
31 Yon maiden
34 Trail the pack
35 KFC additive
37 Moving in fits and starts
38 Carpet type
39 Horse play?
40 Judicial raiment
41 — colada
42 Mirth
43 Otherwise
44 Despot
46 Have a bug
47 Rock concert need



Sudoku

		3		1			4	
						7		
6	5	4	2	3				9
4		7	8			1		
				5				
		8			1	2		4
8				2	5	3	7	1
		2						
	1			9		6		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	6	2	1	3	5	7	8	9
7	3	1	8	9	2	4	6	5
8	5	9	7	6	4	3	2	1
3	9	7	2	8	1	5	4	6
1	2	4	9	5	6	8	7	3
5	8	6	4	7	3	1	9	2
6	4	8	5	1	9	2	3	7
2	1	3	6	4	7	9	5	8
9	7	5	3	2	8	6	1	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

CUBV L CXHJ ROFXVM XW LGROF FR RQQOE. QROHJ NRO WLN FULF CROHJ GB L DBVJXVM WDEBB?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A GUY IS RESTING HIS BARE FEET ON A BARROOM SEAT, YOU MIGHT FIND YOURSELF A TOED STOOL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. If you think too much about the past today, you must refocus your thoughts on all the good things you still have to look forward to.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You want to be free, you want to be able to come and go as you please, and you have every right to do so. Do only what makes you feel good.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. No matter how difficult a task may look, the planets suggest that if you give it your best shot, you will make a success of it. Don't doubt yourself.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Stop and don't start moving again until you know what you are aiming for. It should be easier now that Mercury, planet of the mind, is moving into your sign.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will meet someone today who, if you impress them enough, can help you realize your dreams. The only problem is the nagging doubt that you might not be up to the task.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you were hoping that other people would share in your positive attitude today, you may be disappointed.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You don't have to give up on your beliefs and ideals but you do have to realize that other people sometimes see things differently to you.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Go your own way, do your own thing and ignore the avalanche of disapproval that is sure to come your way. Most likely they are jealous of your ability to come and go as you please.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Jupiter, planet of luck, is smiling on you now. You have to smile back if you want good things to happen.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The only thing that might hold you back today is a nagging feeling that in some areas you are not up to competing with the movers and shakers you are rubbing shoulders with. Nonsense!

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you need to make changes to your routine then now is the time to get serious about it.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You enjoy an occasional change of scene, so make the most of good aspects to the travel area of your chart to get out and about more.

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